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IN REPUBLICAN RALLY IN GUAM CASE

Rota official pleads guilty, gets suspended sentence

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

» Mayor Atalig, 5 co-defendants plead not guilty

exter Peter Taitano Apatang, resident director of the Rota Department of Labor, has pleaded guilty and was slapped with a oneyear prison term sentence, all suspended, for attending a Republican rally in Guam in June 2018 in the guise of a legitimate government trip.

CNMI Superior Court on Rota last Sept. 27. Presiding Judge Roberto

The hearing was held at the C. Naraja issued a minute order only last Tuesday and indicated

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Expanded nuclear testing payments pushed

House Clerk Linda Muña approaches House floor leader

By KEITH RIDLER

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Atmospher-

ic nuclear weapons testing exposed more states and more people to radiation fallout and resulting cancers

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IN POLICE BEATING CAUGHT ON VIDEO

Govt settles police brutality lawsuit

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie delatorre@saipantribune.com

The CNMI government has agreed to settle the police brutality lawsuit filed by a then-ex-convict whose beating by a police officer after a car chase in 2016 was caught on video.

In an order Tuesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed Vincent SN. Norita's lawsuit against the CNMI government. The dismissal was with prejudice, which means Norita can no longer re-file his lawsuit

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In a press release vesterday, DPS said there is an active arrest warrant against Cabrera for burglary and theft, assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, at about 9:32pm, Superior Court Associate Judge



Palacios Cabrera

Teresa K. Kim-Tenorio signed and authorized the issuance of an arrest warrant

for Cabrera for the charges of burglary and theft, assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon, with a cash bail set at \$30,000.

DPS warned that anyone who is found aiding Cabrera evade arrest will be charged with accessory after the fact.

If Cabrera is sighted, do not approach as he is considered to be armed and dangerous. If sighted, call 911, the Criminal Investigation Bureau at 664-9042, or, if you wish to remain anonymous, call the CNMI Crime Stoppers Hotline at 234-7272. (PR)



NMTI to work with Herman's Bakery

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute board of directors approved yesterday a memorandum of agreement that will allow NMTI to hold bakery classes at Herman's Modern Bakery along Airport Road.

With this, NMTI will not have to create a separate facility to provide classes for baking, said NMTI CEO Agnes McPhetres, adding that arrangements like this are common in trade school in the U.S. mainland

The NMTI board was only able to approve the memorandum of agreement yesterday as the institute was working on the liability policies with Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc.

McPhetres said this arrangement with Herman's Modern Bakery will be beneficial to NMTI students as it will provide them an opportunity to work in an actual bakery, with experts in the field.

"The liability insurance is important for the students of

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Bakery, as any accidents that were to occur will be covered," NMTI board vice chair Joe Torres said.

NMTI and Herman's Modern

McPhetres said that NMTI currently has about 90 students enrolled in its bakery program. With this new MOA, each of them must obtain liability insurance.

NMTI board chair John Gonzales is excited with this development, saying it opens the opportunity for hotels, restaurants, and bakeries in the CNMI to have a new group of certified bakers that they can tap in the future.

He said this also plays an important role for students as it will give them an opportu-



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Gonzales said it was Herman's Modern Bakery that offered this partnership with NMTI to allow NMTI students to use its bakery for

programs like pastry making,

baking, and others.

"We took the opportunity because Herman's [Modern] Bakery is a pioneer institution that has been serving the CNMI for 75 years," Gonzales said.

He said NMTI is aware that there will be a void created once the foreign worker program years down the road and that it is their priority to train and educate people who

This move also expands NMTI's reach within the private sector: It has worked with Hyatt Regency Saipan and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan for culinary instructions; their current goal is to expand this partnership with the other hotels on

would later fill that void.

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House OKs new funding source for NMI Museum

By ERWIN ENCINARES

The House has unanimously passed legislation that would create a new funding source for the CNMI Museum.

The House passed vice speaker Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero's (R-Saipan) House Bill 21-52 during their session on Capitol Hill last Tuesdav.

The bill was passed without changes. It allocates 20% of beverage container taxes to the CNMI Museum as a regular annual funding source.

Twenty percent of the beverage container tax is estimated at \$186,027 in fiscal year 2020, which is intended to make up for the massive drop

sphere. Most were conducted

in Western states or islands in

in the CNMI Museum's budget for fiscal year 2020.

The museum was appropriated \$462,984 in fiscal year 2019. It will only get \$214,207 in fiscal year 2020.

"The museum continues to suffer from insufficient funds to make improvements and maintain its operations," the legislation states.

uranium workers to \$50,000

CNMI Museum director Danny Aquino, who has expressed support for the legislation, said, "One of the biggest problems...in the museum is funding [but] it's not [just] about the funding. It's about what we want to do with the investment given to the museum."

He noted that the museum has been able to procure ex-

Tona Henderson is the director of Idaho Downwinders, which for years has sought the inclusion of Idaho in the com-

She said 14 of her 38 family

nors wrote in letters to each chamber signed by Oregon Democratic Gov. Kate Brown and North Dakota Republican Gov. Doug Burgum.

pensation program.

members in the Emmett area in southwestern Idaho have died of cancer, the youngest at 15, and many others have survived that and other diseases. She has battled cancer and other health issues.

Stanley Patris, and Janet H.

The lawyers informed the court that Norita and the CNMI government executed the settlement agreement on

ney General Edward Manibusan certified that Patris and Evangelista, who are named as among the defendants in the lawsuit, both acted within the scope of their employment at

monwealth for Norita's claims of assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional

tality lawsuit in federal court in August 2018 against the Department of Public Safety, DPS Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero, and Patris and Evangelista.

The lawsuit arose from later crashed, after which Pavideo of the incident.

Norita was later slapped with a nine-year prison term after pleading guilty to traffic charges in May 2017.

Manglona earlier dismissed DPS, Guerrero, and 10 unnamed co-defendants from the lawsuit.

In his lawsuit, Norita asked the court to hold the defendants liable to pay him damages.

The plaintiff asked the court to issue an injunction directing DPS to adopt and implement procedures for hiring, retention, promotion, training, and disciplining law enforcement personnel to prevent the use of excessive force, and assault of persons in the future.

The filing of the second amended information prompted Naraja to issue an order last Sept. 10, vacating the jury trial in this case scheduled for Jan. 13, 2020, and instead set a bench trial on that same day.

Mayor Efraim Atalig and his girlfriend, Evelyn Atalig, are facing charges in federal court involving at least eight trips taken by the Ataligs at different times in 2018 to Guam, Palau, the U.S. main-

The Ataligs are being charged jointly with wire fraud, theft concerning programs receiving federal funds, and conspiracy to commit wire fraud and federal funds theft. Each of them faces a separate charge of false statement.

The defendants have pleaded not guilty.

tremely valuable artifacts but then no money was left to afford security.

'We have invested over \$1 million in our collections, and yet if we look at the kind investments we give to the museum and the kind of [artifact] that go there, I think we can do better," he said, adding that he is appreciative of the support the museum has gotten from the Legislature in the past two years.

"This bill helps us with other costs. There are signs of spalling in the museum again," he said.

Spalling occurs when the rebar situated inside concrete structures for added rigidity and reinforcement expands due to corrosion, causing cracks.

"This is something that cannot be helped because the building is 92 years old. It was never meant to be a [permanent] museum; it was only meant to be a temporary museum," he said.

The legislation now heads to the Senate for review and action.

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asked House speaker pro tem John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) to keep on the House's agenda the governor's message informing the House that he had enacted Public Law 21-8, or the fiscal year 2020 budget bill, for discussion in their session this Monday.

He noted that there might have been a misunderstanding pertaining to the governor's veto of Section 710(k) of House Bill 21-64, HD2, SD1. which states that the Executive Branch will pay for the Group Health and Life Insurance expenses of the Legislature's and Judiciary's employees.

Blanco noted that previous letters from the Office of Management and Budget, which is under the Governor's Office, had stated that the Executive Branch would take care of the GHLI expenses.

"...We had received email communication and verbal assurance from OMB during the budget process that... the Executive Branch will include those payments in their budget allocation," he told Saipan Tribune.

"...I requested speaker pro tem John Paul Sablan to [put] the governor's veto message on our calendar to discuss the matter, and discuss avenues to resolve the matter at the earliest possible time," Blanco said. "I understand there might have been a miscommunication...and I want to stress that the Legislature is going to work with the Judiciary and especially the Executive Branch to resolve this matter at the soonest."

If no resolution is reached on this matter. Blanco said he might even consider asking the Legislature to override the governor's veto.

In order to do that, the motion to override must be supported by at least two-thirds of both the House and Senate. With 20 members in the House and nine members in the Senate, a veto must garner at least 19 votes from both chambers to take effect.

Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) supports discussing the governor's veto anew.

"...It's very much a concern for our [CNMI] employees that [GHLI expenses] have been line-item vetoed. We definitely need some clarity. ... There seems to be some disconnect in the administration, and we should really get to the

bottom of that," she said.

Sablan noted that the possibility of introducing a new bill mandating the Executive Branch to pay for the GHLI expenses is a possibility, but "given that we are already two weeks into fiscal year 2020 and noting the urgency of the issue, a veto might be the most efficient and expeditious route."

Reporting requirement

The budget bill, H.B. 21-64, HD2, SD1 had also set stricter and more frequent reporting requirements for the Finance secretary. However, in the governor's Sept. 26, 2019, transmittal letter, he also vetoed that particular section and Sablan believes the more onerous reporting requirements were necessary.

"This Legislature did insert more reporting requirements on top of what would normally be imposed in previous budget acts, but...we have been requesting for information from this administration and we have not been getting the information that we need to really keep an eye on the government purse," Sablan told Saipan Tribune.

"I believe we should consider overriding that [veto] as well," she added.

According to Torres' transmittal letter on the enactment of the fiscal year 2020 budget bill, he is not against imposing stricter reporting requirements on the Finance secretary but he recommends amending the Planning and Budgeting Act, instead of embedding the new requirements into the budget bill.

"My administration fully recognizes that the need for transparency and accountability is critical for the monitoring of our government's fiscal health. Nevertheless, this monthly reporting requirement inefficiently imposes unnecessary burdens onto the secretary of Finance and his staff," he had said.

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and other diseases than the federal government currently Western goverrecognizes, nors said.

The Western Governors' Association on Friday sent letters to the U.S. Senate and U.S. House urging passage of proposed changes to a law involving "downwinders."

The U.S. between 1945 and 1992 conducted more than 1,000 nuclear weapons tests, nearly 200 in the atmo-

Norita and the CNMI gov-

ernment asked the court to

dismiss the case after coming

to a settlement. The parties,

through their lawyers, submit-

ted the request to dismiss the

As of yesterday, Saipan Tri-

Mark Scoggins was counsel

for Norita, assistant attorney

general Kaste Lund-Turner

represented the CNMI gov-

ernment, Robert T. Torres

was counsel for police officer

bune has yet to see a copy of

the settlement agreement.

case last Tuesday.

the Pacific Ocean. The changes to the 1990

Radiation Exposure Compensation Act would add all of Nevada, Arizona and Utah, and include for the first time downwinders in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and the island territory of Guam.

The changes would also include increasing the maximum payment to \$150,000 for someone filing a claim. Compensation currently ranges from lump sums of \$100,000 for for those who lived downwind of the Nevada Test Site. The new legislation called

the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2019 would also include those who lived downwind of the 1945 Trinity Test in New Mexico's Tularosa Basin.

"We encourage you to expeditiously consider and approve this important legislation, which acknowledges that nuclear weapons production and testing has had much broader impacts than currently recognized by statute," the gover-

King was counsel for police officer Carlo Evangelista.

Oct. 1, 2019. In September 2018, Attor-

the time of the incident.

With that, Manglona ordered last January that Patris and Evangelista be substituted as defendants by the Com-

Department of Fire and

Emergency Medical Servic-

es resident director Dennis

Mendiola failed to appear at

the Sept. 27 arraignment. But

Mark Hanson appeared on

behalf of Mendiola's counsel,

Bruce Berline, via telephone.

Mendiola's arraignment was

postponed to Oct. 25 at 9am

at the Superior Court on Rota.

ley appeared as counsel for the

government at the arraignment.

fendant appeared pro se or

without a lawyer. He waived

his right to a presentence in-

agreement and Apatang's guilty

plea. The judge sentenced him

The 46-year-old Apatang

was ordered to pay \$400 in

restitution to the CNMI gov-

ernment by way of payroll

deductions, in the amount

of \$100 per payroll until the

Apatang was required to

pay \$25 in court costs plus a

to one year of probation.

amount is fully paid.

Naraja accepted the plea

vestigation report.

Chief Prosecutor John Brad-

In Apatang's case, the de-

distress, and negligence. Norita filed the police bru-

an incident in in 2016, when Norita led police officers on a 40-minute car chase. His car tris and Evangelista allegedly beat up Norita with a baton. A bystander was able to record a

probation fee to be set by the Office of Adult Probation. As part of the deal, Apatang

shall work with the Office of the Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney's Office and testify in both local and federal trials related to the Guam rally, and that the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the NMI will not file any federal charges against Apatang for his involvement in that rally.

Apatang was accused of misconduct in public office by going to Guam in 2018 to attend a campaign rally in the guise of official government business.

Naraja held the Sept. 27 arraignment against all defendants, except Apatang, after he granted the request of the Office of the Attorney General last Aug. 12 to file a second amended information.

The second amended information re-charged all eight defendants with misconduct in public office and eliminated the prior count of theft.

In the government's request to file the amended information, assistant attorney general Robert Charles Lee said the second amended information clearly states the elements of misconduct in public office and further gives a clear picture of the Commonwealth's theory or prosecution.

land, South Korea, and Saipan.

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that he will issue a judgment of conviction and commitment order.

In a separate arraignment that was also held last Sept. 27 on Rota, Apatang's co-defendant, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, and five other co-defendants pleaded not guilty to misconduct in public office.

The five co-defendants are all current and former Rota officials. They are Department of Public Workers resident director Vanessa Charfauros, Department of Commerce resident director Dean Manglona, former Department of Public Safety resident director Eusebio Manglona, Department of Finance resident director Josepha Manglona, and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs resident director Magdalena Mesngon.

Naraja will hear all motions in a status conference and pretrial conference on Nov. 22, 2019, at 9am at the Superior Court on Rota.

House numbering to start in Koblerville

By IVA MAURIN iva_maurin@saipantribune.com

The Saipan Mayor's Office will soon start implementing the master mapping of streets on Saipan as well as finally providing numbers to every homes, with their first stop in Koblerville.

"We are going to start giving homeowners and business owners their street address number," Saipan Mayor's Office chief of staff Henry Hofschneider said. "We will start in the Koblerville village homestead, the former Marianas Islands Housing Authority turnkey subdivision, and Tottotville subdivision."

The numbering in Koblerville is expected to be completed within 30 days.

"Our contract with HK [Pangelinan and Associates LLC] would be for 30 days. So, we are looking at kicking off in a couple of weeks," Hofschneider added.

HK Pangelinan and Associates will be sending out people to every home and assigning numbers to each home. They will be giving homeowners a letter that gives them their street address and number and some samples that shows them how to put up the numbers on their houses or home units.

The house number that the homeowner will then affix to their house will be a minimum of 4 inches in height and up to 6 inches, with a thickness that is more than 3/8-inch.

Owners would have to comply with these specifications set for the posting of the new addresses so that people passing by from the road could see the number, even if the house or the building is a few feet away from the road.

The mayor's office started the contract with HK Pangelinan almost nine months ago, which gave birth to the Saipan Street Directory Commission project.

During the time, the contractor physically went out and drove around the villages all over Saipan, identifying all the roads and identifying the different lots. Maps were checked to ensure each lot that is up for the numbering system would be identified.

That was done with the help of the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Public Lands.

Hofschneider appeals to the community to accommodate their team who would be visiting all homes on Saipan. "When our team shows up at your front door, please welcome them," he said.



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Five slots available for the NMI at US service academies

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is now accepting applications for nominations to U.S. service academies. The deadline to apply for a congressional nomination is Dec. 13, 2019, for the school year beginning in the fall of 2020.

"Each year, young people in the Marianas can obtain a congressional nomination for the opportunity to attend one of our nation's service academies," Sablan said. "Not only

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do the service academies offer outstanding academic and military opportunities, but the academies are also fully funded, with vacancies available for students in the Marianas."

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To be eligible for a congressional nomination and service academy appointment, an individual must be a U.S. citizen, between 17 and 23 years of age, unmarried, and have no dependents. Highly qualified applicants will be able to demonstrate a well-rounded record with evidence of academic excellence, physical fit-

upon graduation, with a commitment to serve in the armed forces for at least five years.

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Through legislation that amended Section 527 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010 and Section

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reserved for Marianas students at the Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, and Military Academy to a total of three each today. The Merchant Marine Academy reserves one slot for Marianas students every year.

Five slots are available for Marianas students starting in 2020: two at the military academy in West Point, New York; one at the naval academy in Annapolis, Maryland; one at the Air Force academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and one at the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point. New York. While congressional nominations are required for appointment, nominations do not guarantee admissions. Final decisions are made by

service academies admissions officials. Admission to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut is based on a competitive selection 556 of the National Defense process and does not require

a congressional nomination to apply.

The congressional office is

currently offering free informational sessions to high schools in the Marianas. In addition, the congressional office can also help prospective applicants connect with military academy graduates, cadets, and midshipmen to learn more about the admissions process and academy life.

Applications for service academy nominations are available on the congressional office's website, sablan. house.gov, and completed applications should be delivered to any of the district offices on Saipan, Tinian, or Rota by Friday, Dec. 13, 2019. For more information, contact the congressional office at 323-2647, email kilili@mail. house.gov, or visit sablan. house.gov. (PR)



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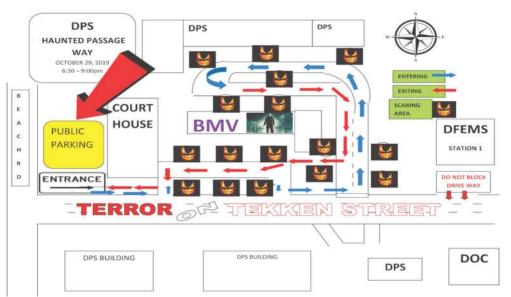


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DPS to host Halloween event



The Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Department of Corrections, and the DPS Employee Association Inc., will be hosting a haunted passage way this Oct. 29.

The event, named "Terror on Tekken Street," will be at the DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicles' parking lot, right behind the Guma' Hustisia courthouse in Susupe.

DPS has also provided a map for those who are interested to visit the haunted passage. Public parking is designated in front of the courthouse.

The event's motto is "Walk

through for a scary experience...if you dare!"

Entry is free and is open to the public. It will be from 6:30pm to 9pm. DPS advises the public to be cautious when out with children; to look both

ways before crossing; to keep count of individuals when in groups, with one chaperone in front and behind the group; and to be aware of their surroundings when venturing into the passage. (Marc A. Venus)

4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has redflagged four Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected sites are Aqua Resort nClub, Tanapag Meeting Hall, Inos Peace Park, and Chalan LauLau Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. (DEQ)

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Some House members reluctantly back appropriation bill

By ERWIN ENCINARES erwin_encinares@saipantribune.co,

Some members of the House of Representatives hesitantly accepted a recently passed Senate version of the casino license renewal fee appropriation because it included clauses that made allocation that should have been made at the delegation level.

Although Rep. Ivan A. Blanco's (R-Saipan) House Bill 21-78 passed unanimously Tuesday afternoon during a House session on Capitol Hill, at least three members expressed reluctance in supporting the Senate version of the bill, which allocated the remaining \$11.5 million from the annual Casino License Renewal fee payment.

Rep. Janet Maratita (R-Saipan) said she "strongly believes" that each senatorial district should be allowed to work on legislations that specifically caters to their respective issues.

"I support this bill, but strongly feel that we should not be put in this predicament. I'd rather [let] each senatorial district sit down and take care of their own challenges; they know [their situation] best," Maratita said in her comments on the bill.

"I hope this would be the last legislation [like this]. We should allow the first and second senatorial district to do their own legislations on local appropriations for their respective local matters," she added.

The Senate version of the legislation took funds that were supposed to go to the three local legislative delegations for appropriation and reallocated them to other government obligations.

Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) echoed Maratita,

saying she too believes that the appropriation should be discussed at the delegation level. She supported the bill regardless.

"I am comfortable...with the provisions that pertain to appropriations for Rota and I share the same reservations with interfering in decisions that should rightfully be the jurisdictions of the delegations," she said.

'It's inequitable to Rota'

Rep. Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota) expressed the most reluctance out of the 15 others who voted to accept the Senate version, describing it as "inequitable" for Rota. He did still support its passage due to its urgency.

"In the past five years, Rota has spent \$8.5 million of the \$10 million that was appropriated, while Tinian has spent it's \$10 million, and Saipan spent its entire allocation [totaling \$47.5 million]," he said.

According to Public Law 20-10, the annual Casino License Renewal fee is divvied up between the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation, the Rota Legislative Delegation, and the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation at \$2 million, \$2 million, and \$9.5 million, respectively.

The remaining \$1.5 million goes to the Saipan and Higher Education Financial Assistance program.

"We were told that the [Rota delegation] owed [the central government over] \$500,000, which was why one of my first bills were vetoed, yet Tinian and Saipan are still allowed to appropriate its share of the annual casino license fees without having to pay back what was overspent," he said.

Sailing classes to start Oct. 28

Non-profit organization 500 Sails will soon start sailing classes, called the Lalayak Project, on Oct. 28. It will be a one month undertaking comprising six lessons.

The classes will use a curriculum and basic sailing skills developed and taught by master navigator Cecilio Raiukiulipiy or one of his students.

Three lessons on land will be two hours long and the three lessons on water will be four hours long. In addition, 10 practice sails must be completed.

"We are looking for people who have time to commit during this one month program as well as people willing to give back to the community as instructors to future cohorts," said 500 Sails in a statement yesterday.

Prerequisite swim tests must be passed before starting each session, including swimming non-stop (untimed, any stroke) for 400 meters and treading water for one hour.

Lessons are scheduled both on weekends or after school/work. The schedule will be determined based on teacher availability and weather conditions, and will be subject to change.

Final exams—both a written test and a practical test—must be passed in order to be certified as skipper (magus) or crew. Classes can be made up in subsequent cohorts as needed.

Prepare for a one-hour water tread test scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10am at Tanapag Beach.

For more information, call Emma Perez at 285-4268, email info@500sails.org, or visit https://www.facebook. com/500SailsDolphinClubSaipan on Facebook. (PR)

"And yet here we are, appropriating \$290,000 to pay a balance. ... This is inequitable for Rota as we are actually owed \$1.4 million," he said, referring to P.L. 20-10's mandate entitling the Rota delegation to \$2 million of the annual Casino License Renewal fee.

H.B. 21-78 appropriates \$290,000 for Rota Legislative Delegation obligations to the general fund; \$220,000 for the monthly subsistence allowance for May through October 2019 of 126 Rota dialysis and terminally ill patients; \$65,000 for the Rota interisland medical referral

patients and escort stipends; \$50,000 for the partial payment to Sun Palace Rota patient's lodging costs; \$15,000 for vehicle maintenance for the Rota Liaison Office on Saipan; \$25,000 for the Rota Health Center; \$40,000 for a new van for the Rota Medical Referral patients on Saipan; \$100,000 to the Rota Gaming Casino Commission; \$100,000 for the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation; \$10,000 for the Rota Municipal Council, for equal distribution among the councilmen; and \$85,000 for Rota Mayor's Office operations.

Manglona said that the \$100,000 allocated to the Rota Gaming Casino Commission could be used to fund the emergency needs identified by the Rota mayor. "There are several projects on Rota that needs funding, such as [the procurement] of tractors for farmers and the 20% [Federal Emergency Management Agency] matching for Typhoon Mangkhut, to name a few," Manglona added.

He said the money can also be used to pay vendors the Rota public schools owe for school operations.

"Although we haven't been

able to hold a delegation session for a while now, this is a matter that should be ironed out in the delegation," he said. "I hope that this will be the last time we act on a measure that involves local matters which should be done in the respective delegations. The Rota mayor and our people did not have a say in the funds we spent and, by acting on this measure, we are setting a precedent that local matters may be acted on in legislations like this."

The House ultimately unanimously accepted the Senate changes to the legislation. It now heads to Gov. Ralph

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IN FAMILY VIOLENCE INCIDENT

Two dogs killed with hammer in Guam

GUAM—Two dogs were found severely beaten with a hammer in Yigo, following an apparent family violence incident. Their bodies were hidden in piles of trash. One died yesterday morning, while the other was found breathing, but later succumbed to his injuries.

Guam Animals in Need employees responded yesterday to reports of a crying, injured dog in Yigo. The Guam Police Department also arrived at the scene, responding to a family violence incident.

Once the site was secured by police, the two dogs were found. "We're told someone beat these pets with a hammer, then tossed their bodies into a pile of trash," said GAIN board president Cyrus Luhr. "But it appears they were still alive after the attack. They suffered and cried all night."

Luhr said that GAIN staff found one still breathing, but his eye had popped out. "He had been repeatedly, violently struck in the head," said Luhr. "He still cried in pain after we found him."

The dog was rushed to a nearby veterinary clinic, Animal Medical Clinic, where it was determined that he had extreme brain damage and needed to be euthanized.

After examining the bodies, it was estimated that both dogs survived the initial attack, and likely suffered through the night before dying in the morning.

Both dogs appear to have been well-fed, domesticated pets of medium size. At this time, their ownership is unclear

An individual was apprehended at the scene and is currently being treated for injuries. It is unclear whether any arrest on charges of animal cruelty have been made. This story is developing, and GAIN will provide additional information as it becomes available.

If you have any information on this crime, call: Guam Crime Stoppers at 477-4357. *(PR)*

Triple J gives back via Toys for Tots



Triple J Enterprises staff, with Saipan Young Professionals, post their first Toys for Tots donation box at Great Harvest last Wednesday.

By IVA MAURIN

iva_maurin@saipantribune.com REPORTER

With Christmas and Thanksgiving just around the corner, Triple J Enterprises is jumpstarting the holidays and the spirt of giving by participating in the Toys for Tots program.

Mike Sablan, Triple J Finance and Administration vice president, said the company is always happy to provide locations for the program's drop boxes.

"There are a lot of children who not only appreciate toys but are a whole lot less fortunate. This is Triple J's way of giving back. We always look forward to helping where we can, we are happy to help," Sablan added.

Now on its third year of joining the program, Triple J has stationed Toys for Tots donation boxes in all of its

establishments and affiliates, including Great Harvest, Surf Club, Truckload Store, Bubba Gump, Capricciosa, and Tony Roma's.

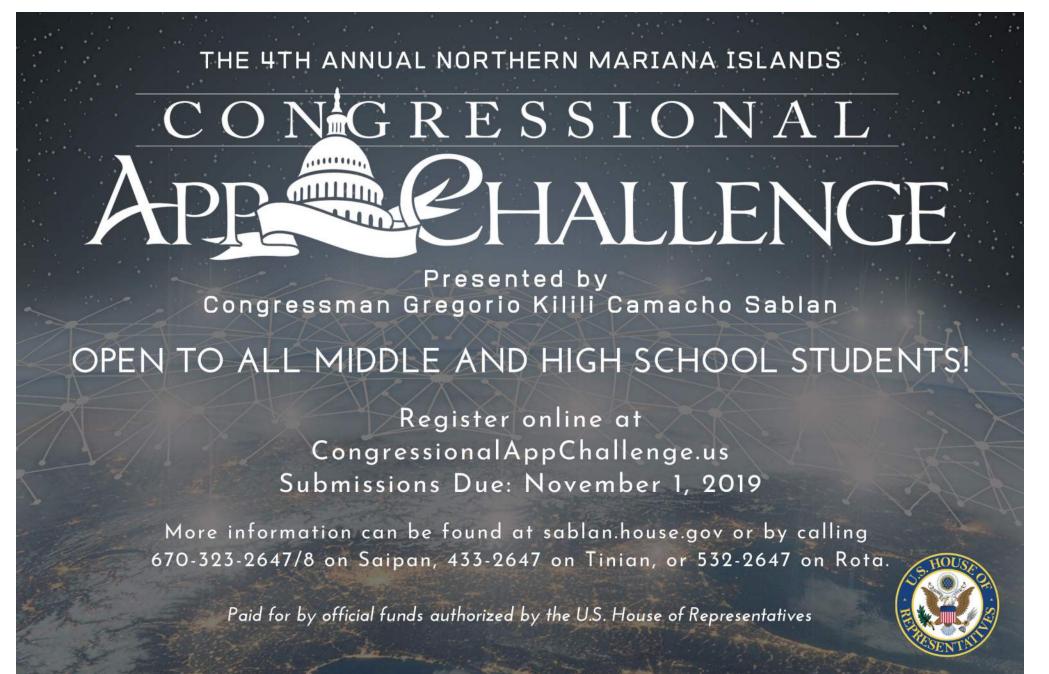
"The community appreciates [this program], especially this year, following last year's storm and the recent storm," Sablan said. "There are too many people living in substandard homes and are waiting for more permanent homes, so it is good to help the kids. We will continue to support programs like this, always."

Toys for Tots is a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Program that run across the world, to provide toys to children whose parents could not afford to buy gifts for Christmas. This is the 10th year the program is being done in the Marianas. In the CNMI, it is being done with the help of Saipan Young Professionals.

SYP co-chair Shayne Villanueva said this is going to be the third year their group will be a part of the Toys for Tots program. They have raised with their partners over 2,000 toys every year.

"We appreciate all of our partners that we work with," Villanueva said. "We give [the toys] to the Salvation Army, Karidat [Social Services], Guma Esperanza, Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation. We reach out to these [organizations and ask] how many kids they need toys for, and then we turn around and provide those toys."

With over 25 establishments all over the island participating in the drive, SYP's mission this year is to raise as many new, unwrapped toys for children and young adults from the ages of zero to the age of 17.



IPI wants former contractor's suit dismised

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC asked the federal court yesterday to dismiss the lawsuit filed by a former general contractor of its hotelcasino project in Garapan, saying the contractor failed to exhaust its contractual prerequisites prior to filing this case

Citing previous court rulings, IPI counsel Phillip J. Tydingco said if a contract contains conditions that a party must comply with prior to filing suit in court, then a complaint that fails to allege compliance with those contractual prerequisites should be dismissed.

Tydingco said Article 20 of the construction contract between IPI and Pacific Rim Land Development LLC is an agreement between the parties that sets the conditions that must be met before any party goes to court.

Tydingco said Article 15 of that contract provides that the contract's dispute resolution "shall survive completion of work, expiration or termination of this agreement."

Thus, the lawyer said, the dispute resolution provisions of the construction contract survives the mutual termination agreement between IPI and Pacific Rim.

"This survival indicates that the parties intended that compliance with the dispute resolution procedures are a prerequisite to a party filing suit," he said.

Tydingco said Commonwealth courts enforce and require compliance with contractual alternative dispute resolution procedures.

Noticeably, he said, Pacific Rim does not plead or allege that it has complied with the contracts dispute resolution procedure prior to filing the lawsuit.

"IPI is entitled to judgment on the pleadings and dismissal

of the complaint as it is predicated on the construction contract," the lawyer said.

Tydingco also asserted that Pacific Rim's complaint fails to demonstrate the existence of diversity jurisdiction as the allegations concerning Pacific Rim's members, IPI's members, and the unnamed defendants in this case are insufficient.

Tydingco said a party seeking diversity jurisdiction must clearly allege the essential facts showing the existence of diversity.

Pacific Rim alleges that all of its members are domiciled in the Commonwealth, yet this insufficiently pleads diversity, Tydingco said, in as much as Pacific Rim does not indicate the nature of its members.

In other words, Tydingco said, Pacific Rim does not allege if its members are individuals, corporations, LLCs or some other entity.

Alleging only that they are domiciled in the CNMI is not enough, he said, as it does not satisfy the U.S. citizenship requirement.

The lawyer pointed out that, if Pacific Rim's members are corporations, then the citizenship of each corporation member is its place of incorporation and its principal place of business.

He said the complaint is defective as it does not allege the place of incorporation and principal place of business of Pacific Rim's corporate members.

Tydingco said with respect to IPI, the complaint alleges that "upon information and belief' none of IPI's members are domiciled in the CNMI.

Tydingco said that pleading a defendant's citizenship "upon information and belief" is not enough in a diversity case, unless it is alleged that such information is not readily available, which he said the complaint does not.

Moreover, he said, the

domicile allegation is insufficient if an IPI member is a corporation.

Pacific Rim filed the lawsuit against IPI last month to collect approximately \$10 million in damages.

Pacific Rim is suing IPI and five unnamed alleged co-conspirators for breach of contract (construction and promissory note), and unjust enrichment.

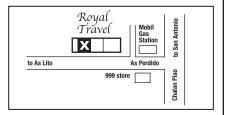
Pacific Rim and IPI executed a contract for construction of the Imperial Pacific Resort last Feb 13, 2018 and executed a notice of mutual termination on Sept. 21, 2018.



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Coming Soon

GCA students joins honor society

An 11th grade student from but, most importantly, as a Grace Christian Academy has been selected to join the discipline and hard work to

School Scholars. which recognizes top scholars who demonhave strated outstandleadership, ing scholarship, and community commitment.

In an interview with his parents.

Rose and Anthony Camacho, both expressed happiness for their son. "We are extremely proud of our son's achievements, not only as an athlete

Camacho

scholar. ...It takes a lot of National Society of High persevere but he is a deter-

> mined young man who excels in all that he sets his mind to do," Rose Camacho said.

Sebastian is also a member of GCA's National Honor Society. He recently won the "A Flight" award for the Hvatt Classic

Tournament on Saipan and was qualified to represent the CNMI at the 2019 South Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa. (Marc A. Venus)



DPL lowers cattle grazing fees, sets new rules for large leases

On July 28, 2019, the Department of Public Lands submitted two proposed amendments to Volume 41 Number 07 of the *Commonwealth Register*.

The first amendment pertains to Agricultural and Graz-

ing Permits under PL §145-70-21. The regulation was amended to address concerns from the Saipan Ranchers Association, the Tinian Cattlemen Association and comments made on the excessive

increase in 2016 of annual grazing permit fees.

The grazing fees were lowered in 2017 to \$225 per 1 hectare at \$25 a hectare (1 hectare=10,000 square meters). Members of the agri-

	Per Hectare Fee	Annual Application Fee	Annual TOA Fee
2017 (Old)- 1 Hectare	\$25	\$225	\$250
2019 (New)- 1 Hectare	\$10	\$150	\$160

entire area.

struction delay.

cultural community continued to reach out to DPL to advocate that the price was still unsustainable. DPL then corresponded and met with the SRA, TCA, local grazing permittees and ranchers to address the fees. The recently adopted amendment is a result of those discussions and reduces the AGP fees even further with \$150 for the annual grazing application fee at \$10 per hectare as shown in the table below:

The adoption of this amendment also expands the limit of public land for cattle grazing from 5 hectares (50,000sqm) to 25 hectares (250,000sqm) followed by livestock and/or goat grazing at 5 hectares and confined livestock at 2 hectares. Occupants with permits to use the property for livestock and grazing since the February 2016 regulation are exempt from the 25-hectare limit as long as they have continuously used and maintained their land, are currently bound by U.S. Department of Agriculture agricultural program support grant requirements and they continue to utilize the

The second DPL amendment makes various revisions starting at PL §145-70-005 under the area of new leases, temporary occupancy agreements and their renewals for commercial use. Lease requirements for large projects that require more than two years to construct now have additional stipulations in the attempt to account for both the decline in contract workers and the effort to deter con-

DPL implemented building phase deposits and mandatory Public Benefit with each lease that extends past the two-year period. If the commercial property is estimated to take more than two years to be constructed and is projected that it will be constructed in phases by certified engineers, lessees are required to deposit 5% of the total cost of production for each phase unless a percentage is mutually agreed upon with DPL.

The previous regulations for projects that take over two years required set a cap of \$4 million in base rent and

\$5 million in additional rent. The regulation amendment now stipulates the condition that the project's capital investment is no less than \$36 million and will benefit the economic development of the Commonwealth. Historically, no CNMI commercial lease project that exceeded two years has ever exceeded \$2 million in base rent or additional rent cap but this precautionary measure ensures the financial buffer for the lessee and increases public welfare well before the completing of the structure.

The two regulations were signed into adoption by Attorney General Edward Manibusan on Sept. 23, 2019, and can be found on Volume 41 Number 09 of the September 2019 Commonwealth Register.

For more information, visit the DPL website at www. dpl.gov.mp or like it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DPLCNMI. DPL can also be reached at (670) 234-3751 and is located on the second floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. (PR)



RESILIENT TEE

The Resiliency Fest "Official Resilient Tee" will be available at Boarderline Surf & Skate Shop starting today, Oct. 18. Show the world you are resilient by sporting this T-shirt, which is available in four colors: black, navy, royal blue, and gray. The Resiliency Fest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 5pm to 10pm at the Marianas Business Plaza. Free admission. Come early for the relief goods distribution. Pictured from left: 2015 Miss Marianas Jian Joyner, 2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto, and 2019 Miss Marianas second runner up Riane Capalad.



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART) MANAGER (Temporary, 12 months)

NMCADSV is looking for a motivated individual to join its team! We are looking for someone who is rooted in service and believes in the social justice values we uphold.

Job Summary: The SART Manager will work with the Executive Director of NMCADSV, NMCADSV staff, and its Board to achieve the mission, goals, and objectives of the organization. The SART Manager will be primarily responsible for CNMI-wide systems advocacy to cultivate the prevention of sexual violence and victim-centered responses for victims of sexual assault. This includes taking a leadership role in facilitating cross-discipline collaboration, providing ongoing training and technical assistance to SART members and allied organizations, and obtaining feedback from all partners to develop policies and protocols that support victim-centered and empowerment-based responses to victims of sexual assault. In addition, the SART Manager will be responsible for convening monthly meetings on Saipan, attending SART related meetings on Tinian and Rota, and mandatory meetings and training events in the U.S.

Minimum Qualifications: An understanding of and agreement with NMCADSV's mission statement and philosophy regarding the elimination of domestic and sexual violence; strong communication skills, verbal and written, with diverse groups of people and professionals; strong organizational, collaborative, and project management skills; experience with training or providing education to various audiences; experience with facilitating meetings and bringing stakeholders together for collaborative efforts; ability to facilitate engagement and interest among allied partners with positive and professional communication; experience with assessments and analysis; ability to implement complex projects with extremely tight deadlines; must be able to travel within the CNMI and to the US Mainland immediately upon hire; must have access to reliable transportation; and must be able to work immediately upon offer.

<u>Classification & Salary Range:</u> Full Time, Exempt. Some nights and weekends required. Travel is required. \$16.00/hr to \$22.00/hr (based on experience and qualifications).

Copies of the full Position Description can be requested by email at info@endviolencenmi.org or downloaded from the NMCADSV Facebook page. Hard copies are also available at the NMCADSV Office (directions below)

<u>To Apply:</u> A Resume and Cover Letter should be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2019. Provide a list (not copies) of any certifications and/or awards. Late and incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Submit **resume and cover letter** to info@endviolencenmi.org, deliver to NMCADSV's office **(between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.)** at the Marina Heights I Building (2nd Floor, Suite 206) or mail to NMCADSV, P.O. Box 506689, Saipan, MP 96950. (Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline.) Applicants who are invited for an interview will be asked to bring a copy of their Diploma or equivalent, Police Clearance (within last 30 days), valid Passport, and a list of references.

NMCADSV is an equal opportunity employer. Individuals from under-served communities are encouraged to apply.

This project is 100% supported by federal grants, awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, Grant Award #2019-WR-AX-0051. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this release are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the U.S. Department of Justice.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-029

MAUI 4 WATER TANK DEMOLITION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified contractors for the demolition of the Maui 4 Water Tank located in Sadog Tasi, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on October 9, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-19-029 Maui 4 Water Tank Demolition", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 25, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bids shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 15, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Acting Drinking Water/Wastewater Manager, Yvonne Cabrera via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician, Senior via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids submitted shall become the property of CUC.

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Class Grill-Off moved to Tronkun Da'ok Pavilion

Mount Carmel School's AlumKnight Association recently announced that the location for The Class Grill-Off has been relocated to the Tronkun Da'ok Pavilion, otherwise known as the Bicol Pavilion, across Marianas High School. The grill-off is this Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019. There is no fee to participate.

The purpose of The Class Grill-Off is to bring together AlumKnights and their families for a day of fun, community, and delicious competition.

This year's selected meat for the competition will be pork ribs. Interested competitors can register by completing the online registration form available at the Mount Carmel School website, www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. Printed registration forms are available for pick up and can be submitted at the Business Office at the Mount Carmel School campus.

Although the grill-off centers around the competition, the association encourages Alum-Knights to gather their classes and hold individual picnics by the main event. Individual participants do not need their class to hold a picnic, individual Knights or AlumKnight families are encouraged to join.

Classes interested in coordinating a picnic can also avail of a special discount for tents and tables by UR Tents. The discount can only be used at The Class-Grill off for AlumKnight classes and families. The special discount is as follows:

■ One 10x20 tent with two complimentary tables for \$35.

- One 20x20 tent with four complimentary tables is \$45.
- One 20x30 tent with five complimentary tables is \$55.
- One 20x40 tent with six complimentary tables is \$75.

For more information about UR Tents' special offer, call 234-6477.

For more information, email Boni Pangelinan at bherealways@gmail.com or Victoria Deleon Guerrero at v.dlguerrero 95@gmail.com. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Third writers' workshop tomorrow

Plan your novel with us. The third Marianas Writers' Movement workshop is on Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, from 1pm to 3pm. This workshop will focus on creating characters for the novel you'll write in November! Admission is free and open to people age 13 and over. Be a part of the Marianas Writers' Movement! This project is part of the "Rekindling Marianas Narratives: Write Your Novel!" mini-grant program and is made possible by support from the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, a non-profit, private corporation funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities. (PR)

Zoning office closed on Oct. 24

The Saipan Zoning Office will be closed on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019, from 7:30am to 4:30pm to conduct a professional development and training workshop for its staff. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, at 7:30am. (PR)

Saipan to host terrestrial conservation conference

The 3rd Annual Marianas Terrestrial Conservation Conference & Workshop will be held on Nov. 18-20, at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in Garapan. Registration is free and open to the public, and will include presentations on terrestrial conservation, field trips and activities such as pre-conference proa rides and Mariana swiftlet field trip, and a lizard identification trip at American Memorial Park. To register, visit marianasterrestrialconservation.org. It also includes a birding trip, tree planting for Yutu recovery, Jeffrey's Beach tour, and native limestone forest hike. For more information about the conference, or for donations (financial or in-kind) to help with organizational costs as well as to raise funds to enable students to travel to the conference to present their research, email Jill Liske-Clark at liskeclark.cnmidfw@gmail.com. (PR)

SHRM meeting on Oct. 23

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter is inviting its members, associated HR and management staff, and interested members of the public to attend its next general membership meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Pacific Islands Club Saipan's Charley's Cabaret beginning at 11am.

The meeting will feature PSS Cooperative Education program coordinator Brandon Nicholas and Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence executive director Maisie Tenorio. This meeting is open to the public.

The presentation includes a lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by email at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68.

SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. For more information about the NMI Chapter, visit their website at http://nmichapter.shrm.org. (PR)

Golf tournament fundraiser for IKPL

The 4th Annual Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament Fundraiser is happening on Sunday, Nov. 10, at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's west course. Game format is Low Gross and Double Peoria, 2-Person Scramble (Men and Women). Cost to participate is \$200 entry per team. All proceeds will help support the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and its resource and collection development, circulation materials, and library programs. Last day to register is Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5pm. (PR)

IRS relief for farmers and ranchers affected by drought

The Internal Revenue Service has extended tax relief for farmers and ranchers who were forced to sell livestock due to drought, flooding, or other severe weather in recent years. Farmers and ranchers in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible for federal assistance. A list of all eligible areas in 32 states, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands, can be found in Notice 2019-54 Extension of Replacement Period for Livestock Sold on Account of Drought, available on IRS.gov. More information on reporting drought sales and other farm-related tax issues can be found on IRS.gov. (PR)

Kagman schools set PTSA meeting

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that the Kagman Unified Schools will be having a Parents Teachers Students Association meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, at 5:30pm in the Chacha Ocean View Middle School cafeteria. We are encouraging all parents, and guardians to attend this meeting. Child care will be provided. Please call the any of the three schools at 237.3150 (KagEs), 237-3165 (COVMS), or 237-3196 (KHS) if you have any questions or concerns. (PR)

Master's degree options at UOG

Those considering a master's degree now or in the future will have an opportunity to explore 15 options available at the University of Guam through the university's Graduate Program Recruitment Fair this Thursday. The fair is open to the public and will take place from 4pm to 7pm in the Micronesian ballroom at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa.

The fair will feature tables for each of UOG's graduate programs and will also provide opportunities for attendees to speak first-hand with current graduate students and faculty. Financial aid and admissions assistance will also be available, including information on available scholarships and assistantships. Pupus will be provided. For more information, contact 735-2205 or graduatestudies@triton.uog.edu. (PR)

Saipan writers' workshop on Saturday

A Saipan writers' workshop called "Little Flights of Fancy" World Tour will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, to be led by local author Walt Goodridge.

In this interactive three-hour workshop, Goodridge will share step-bystep instructions on how to start your book project, publish independently, and go from idea to sales. Goodridge is author of over two dozen books in a variety of genres.

This unique workshop will be held from 9am to 12pm, at the JKPL's video teleconference room. Admission is \$10 in advance, and \$12 at the door (20% of admission proceeds will be donated to the library on the day of the event).

Seating is limited. To register, visit the front desk of the library as soon as possible. For more information, visit www.saipanwriters.com. (PR)

Business Expo 2019 on Nov. 9

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its newly re-instated Chamber Business Expo on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9am to 4pm at the Saipan World Resort. The goal is for Chamber members to showcase their company and new products and services to the local market.

To sign up to be an exhibitor:

- 1. Visit and download the application packet on the Saipan Chamber of Commerce website at www.saipanchamber.com/events in the Events Page.
- 2. Complete and submit applications with payment to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office on the third floor, Suite 315 of the Marianas Business Plaza or email to coordinator2@saipanchamber.com.
- 3. Registration is currently open and deadline for applications is Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, by 5pm.

Reservations for booths are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Noelani McMahon at coordinator2@saipanchamber.com or call the Chamber office at (670) 234 -7150. (PR)



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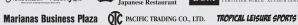
















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EDITORIAL

Sanctions can still work. Here's how

o economic sanctions serve U.S. policy objectives? An important new report from the Government Accountability Office raises the question, but supplies an unsatisfactory answer: Although the departments of Treasury, State and Commerce all pay close attention to the impact of specific sanctions on their targets, there's no reliable way to assess whether—or even to what extent—broader objectives are being served.

Gauging the success of sanctions isn't an exact science. Officials may, for instance, be able to tell when a targeted bank has ceased to enable money transfers to a rogue regime, but if the regime finds other ways to get cash, then the goal hasn't been reached. On the other hand, if a regime continues to finance terrorism despite being denied access to formal banking channels, that doesn't automatically represent a failure—after all, perhaps it could've done much more harm if it was unrestrained.

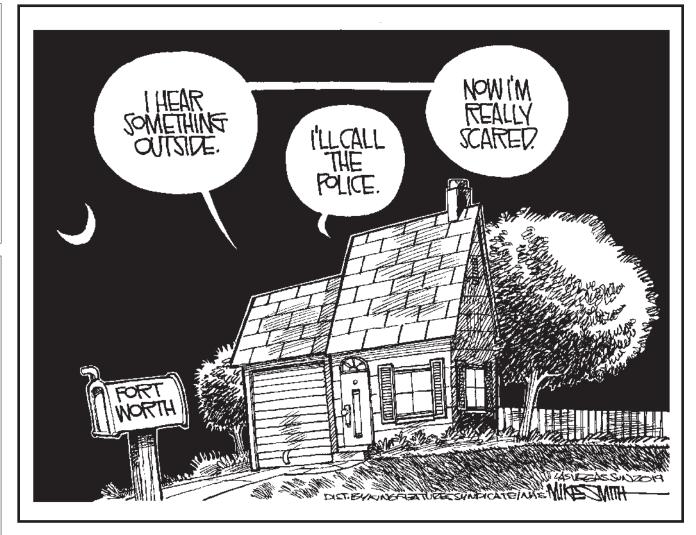
All the same, there are ways to improve the chances that sanctions are effective. The first is a clear articulation of goals, which has not been the strongest suit of President Donald Trump's administration. To cite the most obvious example, it's hard to tell whether the sanctions Trump has imposed on Iran are designed to curtail its nuclear program, discourage its other menacing behavior or overthrow its regime. The GAO found that "evolving foreign-policy goals"—an elegant piece of bureaucratic politesse—make it harder for officials to tell if sanctions are working.

In addition to clarifying its objectives, the U.S. should always seek to coordinate with other countries when imposing sanctions. The report notes that such measures tend to be more effective when "implemented through international organizations." As obvious as this seems, the Trump administration frequently makes no effort to get its allies on board. America's sheer economic clout makes its unilateral sanctions as effective as international ones, but regimes are more likely to mend their ways when faced with multinational approbation. Making appropriate exemptions for humanitarian goods and services, meanwhile, could both ameliorate the pain for civilians and ensure wider international support.

Finally, the Trump administration could improve the effectiveness of sanctions by conducting periodic reviews to judge if its goals are being achieved and presenting progress reports to Congress and the public. That would help it coordinate policy across the executive branch, sharpen its focus and encourage broader support for its objectives.

This is all the more important because Trump has imposed sanctions with more enthusiasm than any of his predecessors. One analysis shows almost 1,500 individuals, companies and institutions are now on the Treasury's sanctions list. In 2018 alone, Trump added more than 700—or 50% more than had ever been added in a single year. On Friday, the administration threatened Turkey with "very powerful sanctions" over its offensive in Syria. Whether it plans to act on the threat remains to be seen—but the readiness to invoke it reflects the fact that the traditional tools for transnational problem-solving are losing their edge. Diplomatic solutions are harder to achieve when rogue states have more power to resist Ameri-

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Compare and contrast

emember in undergraduate English when you were asked to compare and contrast this novel or character with that novel or character? I invite you to compare the actions of the self-interested negative results player, with some folks who do our Commonwealth proud with their positive actions.

Smiling Cove debacle

There are things you need to know about the Smiling Cove debacle: There is an ulterior motive. Fish & Wildlife needs money to pay for a big purchase it made.

Claiming that the Outer Cove is unsafe for tourists but safe for the boat owners shows DDW's true colors. Those colors are the scarlet of betrayal for self-interest. This is the plan to rake in the dough even if it kills the tourism goose that is laying the golden egg of taxes and the multiplier effect of the money the tourists leave behind that drives our CNMI economy.

I was confused as to why Fish & Wildlife would concoct a scheme to extort tens of thousands of dollars out of our tourists in order to "maintain the temporary dock" which is their stated reason. That maintenance might use a few hundred or even a couple of thousand, but not \$200,000. Turns out that DFW has signed a contract to *buy* the temporary dock from the feds for \$200,000-plus but has a minor problem: No money to pay the \$80,000 payment due in December. Do you get it now? Yeah, me too. Why do they need to own this dock? They already have full use and access to it without paying for it, and better yet, with someone else maintaining it—the feds, with money overflowing their taxation purses.

Why should you and I be concerned about this? Because this strikes at the very heart of our tourism industry. It won't take long before water sports and trips to Managaha, our No. I tourist attraction, could be a thing of the past. Already, social media pictures of sweating tourists in lines and crime tape stretched across the docks of the boats are ablaze across our major source countries. That kind of bad news spreads like wildfire. It kills visitor arrivals. There are too many competitors' beaches they can go to without being browbeaten. They'll go to Cebu next time.

The two biggest operators already refuse to roll over for the double taxation* extortion scheme and haven't taken their customers to Managaha under the new regime. That 300 to 400 tourists per day aren't arriving at Managaha and paying the tax. Subtract that from the CNMI tax coffers before you add in the ill-gotten proceeds from the Smiling Cove rip off.

*Boat operators pay for the dock at the outer cove and again

SOUR GRAPESBy BRUCE BATEMAN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Bruce A. Bateman resides on Saipan with a wife, a son, and an unknown number of boonie dogs. He has owned and operated a number of unusual businesses and most



recently worked as the marketing manager for MVA. Bruce likes to read, travel, tinker with bicycles, hike, swim, and play a bit of golf. He is opinionated and writes when the moon is full and the mood strikes.

the same amount for the inside temporary dock. DFW rents this same property to more than 50 tenants simultaneously! Is that legal? Every boat owner double pays dock rent. Do these PAX fees and rentals go into the general fund or do they become a slush fund for the DLNR/DFW? If the latter, it that legal? Who watches where that money really goes?

Let's put a stop to this before our vital tourism industry takes a huge hit and sleeps with the fishes. We can't afford to let this kind of thing slow down or stop our tourism industry. It's all we have between us and the economic breadline.

BTW: Finance Department, where is the \$5.3 million you owe the MVA by public law (P.L. 18-1) for promoting our islands to tourists from China, Japan, and Korea? If you would like to see your bank account grow instead of shrink, pay MVA what you owe them so they can use it to generate more direct and indirect tourist funds into your tax income accounts.

TanHoldings

Here is an example of a company, a team, with leadership that provides extraordinary public service to the CNMI community and has done so over a decades-long time frame. It's hard to find a fundraiser, or a club function, or a school program that Tan-Holdings does not contribute to. Jerry Tan and his Dad, Tan Su Lin, truly have a philanthropical nature. They are willing to give back, not just take. It has made them wildly successful in an economic environment that is not so easy to master.

TanHoldings also makes major contributions to the tourism industry: They underwrite the cost of charter flights from China and operate resort hotels and a major tour agency; they provide services via the transportation and shipping industry via CTSI; D&Q brings in many of our favorite wholesale goods and the list

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Fiscal storms ahead

he headline says CHCC owes CUC some \$31 million. Ooops! Unsettling, given bad tidings of the economy taking heavy descent or drop. The implication is simple: far less money in the coffers.

Be that as it may, increase or decrease in revenue generation is as perennial as the grass. Negative revenue, though, isn't a fiscally conducive setting to plan use of funds that don't exist. Call it fiscal instability, therefore, uncertainty.

The net result would be cuts and real time budgeting! It's a bad fiscal script that begins to be fashionable. It means resetting buttons on spending forthwith or we'd be singing The Long and Winding Road to the local treasury.

Investments

Has there been any appreciable resurgence of investments here in recent past or has it taken an R&R in stagnation?

Remember the exit of Nippon investments in recent past? Has anyone looked at the loss of such exit or "not yet, already?" How do you work without the requisite information? Not all tidings are negative in this regard.

Senate President Vic Hocog and Sen. Terry Santos related that "fresh" investments are headed to the islands, specifically Rota, in the near term.

"It should reboot investments here moving forward," said Hocog. "It's a matter of fostering lasting partnership with major investors where benefits are mutual over the long-term," added Santos.

I liken our task to taking trips beyond the reef where we return to the shore time and again to assess our quick journey, its benefits, subsequently turning our attention to what lies ahead.

Is there anything within the realm of investment prospects we could look forward to with optimism for real growth and development and shouldn't we be taking proactive roles promoting these isles as good investment venues?

More \$\$\$

Sen. Terry Santos announced that some \$1 million is now available for monthly interisland stipend, medical allowance and other assistance for the first senatorial district.

'Grateful to Sen. President Vic Hocog for his dedicated efforts ascertaining funds for Rota," she noted. Santos is relentless when it comes to issues of interest of the island she represents.

Challenge

A plan is a set of policy designed to upgrade the quality of life of people at home.

Have been waiting around for some hopeful tidings of major economic plans to move growth and development forward.

But the choir is stuck, intoning Silent Night for one reason or another. How about changing the song into something more joyful and hopeful?

Magoo wasn't as compassionate as he used to be declaring, "Da Boysis are sleeping on da wheels!" Give it time, sir! Some-

Media must let youth voices be heard

By UMA MENON

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his summer, I sat in a room with 40 talented young journalists at the Asian American Journalists Association's 2019 JCamp in Atlanta. As we introduced ourselves and described our topics of interest, a common theme emerged: the need to expand representation of young people in modern media.

I listened to my peers tell stories of student press censorship and other barriers that they face as young journalists. They all had stories and perspectives they were unable to share—simply due to their age.

Youth activism is clearly on the rise today, particularly in regard to gun control and climate change. Yet the stories about these involvements are hardly ever told by young people; they are delivered by adults who speak on our behalf.

While the dialogue has expanded considerably in recent years for minorities, the youth community has been largely left behind. Youth voices continue to be misrepresented and appropriated by those who do not fully understand what it means to come of age during this critical time.

Young climate activists have been victims of this misrepresentation. In the wake of her powerful speech to the United Nations, activist Greta Thunberg has been characterized by detractors as "delusional," "laughable" and "a pawn in a political game." These detractors don't understand the frustration that Thunberg and other teens experience when they realize that, while their lives depend on political action, they lack the right to vote in the interest of their own futures.

A new poll suggests that 57% of teens experience fear as a result of climate change, unique to a generation that anxiously awaits action. This generational injustice, in which children endure the repercussions of decisions made by previous generations, can only be solved through collaboration and equal representation of voices.

People of color have long asked what authority white individuals have to restrict their rights. Women have long asked what authority men have over their bodies. Today, young people must ask what authority adults have to arm teachers in schools, neglect action on climate change, and pass laws on education and testing.

We are rarely given the opportunity to tell our own stories and build our own vision for the future. Thus our perspectives are trivialized and necessary actions remain deprioritized.

The sociologist Ray Oldenburg has spoken of the "increasing segregation of youth from adults in American society," which he attributed to "adult estrangement and fear of youth." The solution is to bring the voices of young people into the conversation.

At this summer's JCamp, students covered a variety of topics, from the environment to racial justice, through unique perspectives. With just three things—mentorship, passion and a platform—they produced writing of professional caliber that added new ideas to age-old discussions.

The fact is, adults can't fully understand the unique experiences of today's youth, as we live through active shooter drills and grapple with a climate headed for catastrophe—problems not of our making.

It is wrong to view young people as incompetent spokespersons of their own experience. We are the future leaders of the world, and we deserve spaces to be heard.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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thing may be in the back burner already or is it more like "not

It only takes a simple purposeful planning session to move issues forward that must come from Da Boysis converging.

Reflect

Culture depicts a way of life for the indigenous people. In other words, we live it daily since time immemorial. Why would we want to reflect on it? Would not assessing change be the more realistic paradigm?

I'm sure you know that culture is language. Have we done anything in major ways to ensure the use of Chamorro at home? Has mom and dad used it daily in their interaction with kids?

Reflection is a good break for purposes of reassessment. But ensuring the use of Chamorro by using it daily is the sure way to keeping culture alive. Reiterating: Culture is Language!

At home, grand kids know that grandpa speaks only Chamorro. It's an imposition of sort so they learn their lingo. Yes, they'd speak it even with strange pronunciations but we laugh and learn together as partners. Use it!

Other?

I've heard the term "corruption" expressed by folks from all over this archipelago. It is used loosely as to turn into acceptable usage discounting that it could lead to some serious legal issues.

Let's say a certain manager implements a program involving disposition of funds, local or federal. In the process, he disposed of it where he pockets some for his use. In other words, he made money on a personal basis beyond normal income. Would this action fit the term corruption?

What about subordinate employees who partake in the corrupt activities of Da Boss? They too would have "their day in court" scratching their heads how they've easily succumbed to criminal activities.

It takes real integrity to work within policy mandates you're tasked to implement and follow. I'm sure a cell room in Susupe is furthest from your mind. Honesty is still the best policy!

SANCTIONS

can coercion, not least because they can rely on other powerful actors, such as China and Russia, to overlook their roguishness. Military solutions have been discredited by spectacular failures in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Sanctions can be a good alternative to futile diplomacy and violent conflict: They can impose a penalty for bad behavior, quickly and with relatively little cost to the U.S. But, as with war and diplomacy, they should be employed with care and forethought, as the GAO report illustrates. It should be required reading in the White House.

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of partner companies making our lives better goes on.

Jerry Tan has been more than an advocate. He has been the driving force behind the sport of soccer here in the CNMI by sponsoring teams and managing the leagues that train our youngsters in the sport. He spearheaded the project that produced the CNMI soccer stadium down in Koblerville. We have that worldclass soccer pitch, thanks to his undying efforts.

The list goes on and on, and most of you reading this can name a dozen other examples of TanHoldings' penchant for public service. If they can see that it will improve our quality of life or our economy, they will almost always give a helping hand to a worthwhile cause. Thank you! We appreciate it.

There are plenty of other companies that are likewise generous in what is today called corporate responsibility. Latecomer Imperial Pacific International also provides an extraordinary level of public service and likely donates and spends even more than TanHoldings but have only been at it for four or five years. Skywalker, now virtually absent from Saipan, gave back at a high rate. Long-time CNMI companies like DFS, Joeten, Triple J, Bridge Capital and a number of others give back at a higher level than most others. We owe them all a debt of gratitude. I know I've unintentionally left out some worthy of mention. You know who they are.

I suggest we do some giving back of our own. Whenever you have a chance, please support these businesses by using their services and buying their goods whenever you can. It also doesn't hurt to just stop by and thank them for their efforts to improve our beautiful islands. These are people and companies that help

not hinder our progress toward a better tomorrow.

Thanks for Reading Sour Grapes!

Patience in motor traffic is best reserved for those behind you. —Someone should have said this

If you can, help others; if you cannot do that, at least don't harm them.

-Dalai Lama

A person who lives in denial will paint a picture of themselves as being the victim or innocent in all aspects. They will be offended by the truth. But what is done in the dark will come to light. Time has a way of showing people's true colors.

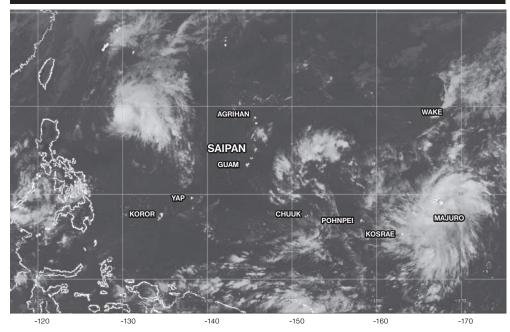
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas with isolated thunderstorms between Saipan and Anatahan. The VAD wind profile indicates northeast winds of 4 to 12 knots through the lowest 2 thousand feet of the air. The buoys reveal combined seas of 3 to 5 feet and sea surface temperature reading of 84 to 85.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019 **17**

Business

Infino reboots as Marianas Kitchen

By MARK RABAGO

mark_rabago@saipantribune.com ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After a brief hiatus, Infino reopened yesterday as Marianas Kitchen, with the hiring of a local chef from Tanapag that promises plenty of Chamorro flavor.

Chef Juan Carlos Berrocal said they had to close the restaurant for a couple of weeks to recalibrate with the introduction of a fresh menu and a new name—Marianas Kitchen and Infino Restaurant.

True to its new name, the restaurant will be upping the ante on its fusion menu and

will serve more local cuisine, with the help of David Rios, who will tap into the flavors of Islas Marianas.

The 44-year-old Rios has no professional cooking experience, but has been making local dishes more than half of his life.

Among his favorite dishes to cook are fish escabeche, fritada (the local version of the Filipino dinuguan that is a savory stew usually made of pork offal and/or meat simmered in a rich, spicy dark gravy of pig blood, garlic, and vinegar), pot roast, Chamorro beef steak, and

local-style sukiyaki.

Rios said he appreciates Berrocal for taking a chance in him and hopes to soon enroll in the culinary program of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

Berrocal said Rios was one of his most enthusiastic followers on Facebook and, after getting to know one another and seeing Rios' passion for cooking, he hired him immediately.

"We just want to infuse some local identity into our restaurant. This is our way of embracing and respecting the local cuisine," he said.

Aside from Chamorro cuisine, the relaunched Marianas Kitchen and Infino will also feature Filipino cuisine, which, like Chamorro food, is heavily influenced by the Spanish.

Joining Berrocal and Rios in the food trenches are sous chef Carol Flores from Pampanga, Philippines and line cook Remedios Amor, who hails from Ilocos Sur, also in the Philippines.

Flores said she's been working in restaurants for the past seven years after graduating from NMTI's culinary program. Her specialties include pork stew and



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Marianas Kitchen and Infino's daily lunch buffet offers Chamorro, Spanish, Peruvian, Italian, and Filipino dishes.

barbecue baby back ribs.

Amor has six years of cooking experience and cites *adobo* and *caldereta* as her go-to dishes.

With local and Filipino food taken cared off, Berrocal said he will continue to whip out mouth-watering Spanish, Italian, and Peruvian offerings.

Like before, the revamped restaurant will continue to serve lunch buffet every day from 11am to 2pm and ala

carte offerings from 11:30am to 2pm and 5:30pm to closing time at 9:30pm.

Marianas Kitchen and Infino's lunch buffet is from Monday to Saturday, 11:30am to 2pm, and costs \$12.99.

Marianas Kitchen and Infino is located beside QQ Rent-A-Car in Garapan. For reservation and for more information, call (670) 233-9966. It can also be reached via Facebook.

Brexit talks inch closer to a deal ahead of summit

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European Union and Britain inched ever closer to a Brexit deal, with the leaders of France and Germany saying they expected an agreement could be sealed at Thurs-

day's EU summit. Differences between the two Positive vibes radiated from sides remained but were nar-French President Emmanuel rowing to some technical and complicated customs and value-Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel at a joint added tax issues, officials said. news conference Wednesday Negotiating teams were workin Toulouse, France, where ing into the night at EU head-Merkel said that negotiations quarters to solve them.



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Infino reopened yesterday as Marianas Kitchen and Infino with a new menu and a new local chef.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-036

MANNED SECURITY and ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive bids from qualified firms to provide Manned Security and Electronic Monitoring Services for various sites at CUC, Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

Contractors must provide proof of "Indemnity Liability Insurance," specifically covering security workers assigned to CUC's compound. Coverage must be a minimum of \$200,000.00. The Contractor shall agree to and indemnify and hold CUC harmless from and against all liability, loss, damage or injury, and all cost and expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs of any suit related thereto) suffered or incurred by the Cooperative, arising from or related to Contractor's negligent performance under the contract.

Proponents shall provide a certification signed by a principal of the company stating that the company is currently in full compliance with all applicable CNMI and Federal Labor Laws and has been for the past Five (5) years. Proponents shall submit a listing of all of its employees (US & Foreign) with corresponding job titles and a certification of good standing from the CNMI Department of Labor. Failure of the company to provide the certification is grounds to reject the entire Bid.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-19-036, Security Guard Services", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST, Saipan Time) on October 25, 2019. Late submissions of Bids will not be considered.

This Invitation for bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of Bid in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. All responses to this Invitation for bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the Proponent, awarded a contract.

All Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the Bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 11, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Mafnas, CUC Contracting Specialist via email address john.mafnas@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior – christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

 ${\it CUC}$ reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of ${\it CUC}$. All bids submitted shall become the property of ${\it CUC}$.

WILLIAM GILMORE Acting Executive Director MANNY BOYER SABLAN Purchasing Officer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-038

REPAIR OF OIL STORAGE TANKS – CUC SAIPAN AND ROTA POWER PLANTS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the Repair of Oil Storage Tanks – CUC Saipan and Rota power plants, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Most of the tanks are still in "active" use

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-bid Conference and a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 23 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Saipan Power Plant No. 1, Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan and **October 24 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at CUC Rota Power Plant, Songsong Village, Rota, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proposers due to lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "IFB CUC-19-038: Repair of Oil Storage Tanks, CUC Saipan and Rota power plants" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on November 18, 2019, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of *fifteen percent* (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of *one hundred percent* (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of *one hundred percent* (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contract or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less then the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Contractors are advised that the work will be carried out as a part of CUC response actions under the terms of Stipulated Order No. 2 (SO 2). CUC may split the contract work based on island location, i. e. separate contracts for the island of Saipan and Rota in the best interest of expediency and competitive rates. Project performance quality would be verified by third party quality assurance specialists with certified and approved credentials.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 28, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CUC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CuC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CuC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CuC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email address weith a copy to CuC's Utility Coordinator/ ATMO at email a

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MANNY BOYER SABLAN

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Nation

Trump rule may mean 1M kids lose automatic free lunch

NEW YORK (AP)—Nearly a million children could lose their automatic eligibility for free school lunches under a Trump administration proposal that would reduce the number of people who get food stamps.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has released an analysis that says as many as

982,000 children could be affected by the change. About half would have to pay a reduced price of 40 cents for school lunch and 30 cents for breakfast. Around 40,000 would need to pay the full price, which varies depending on the district.

The rest—445,000—would remain eligible for free meals,

but their families would have to apply to qualify.

Children automatically qualify for free lunches if their families receive food stamps, but the Trump administration has proposed tightening eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, which was once known as food stamps. The USDA is not proposing

Antonia I. & Rajendra Shrestha

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Petition To Appoint General

Minor Child

Shrestha and

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Notice is hereby given that the

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NO. 19-0437

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By: Antonia Igisomar

Guardianship For:

P.O. Box 504876 C.K.

Saipan, MP 96950

changes to the income rules for the program. It says it is addressing a loophole that gives eligibility to people who would not have otherwise qualified.

The agency said the vast majority of affected children would still be eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

But Lisa Davis of the advocacy group No Kid Hungry said the application to qualify could be a barrier.

"We hear from schools all the time about the challenge they have with getting families to understand the paperwork or to get it back," Davis said.

The National School Lunch Program serves roughly 30 million students, including about 20 million free meals daily. For those who don't qualify for free or reduced price meals, the average price of lunch was \$2.48 for elementary school students in **Trump** the 2016-17 school

year, according to the School Nutrition Association, which represents cafeteria employees and vendors.

The group says about threequarters of school districts have students with unpaid meal charges.

The prevalence of school lunch debt shows even small amounts of money can add up over time and become a burden to struggling families, said Giridhar Mallya, senior policy officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Earlier this year, a Rhode Island district at the center

of a controversy around "lunch shaming "-singling out students who owe lunch money-said \$12,000 of its \$77,000 in unpaid meal charges were owed by children who qualified for free lunches. The district said the charges were incurred before the families' applications were approved.

Former Pompeo aide testifies; Senate talks impeachment trial

WASHINGTON The swift-moving impeachment probe pushed onward Wednesday as a former top State Department aide testified that the Trump administration's politicization of foreign policy contributed to his resignation, while the Senate GOP leader briefed colleagues on a possible Christmas impeachment trial.

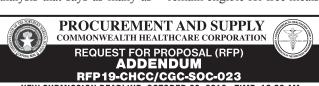
The day's events, interrupted by an explosive meeting at the White House, churned as longtime State Department officials are speaking out under subpoena—some revealing striking new details—about the actions Trump, and his personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani, took toward Ukraine that have sparked the House impeachment inquiry.

On Wednesday, Michael McKinley, a career foreign service officer and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's de facto chief of staff, told investigators behind closed doors that he could no longer look the other way amid the Trump administration's dealings with Ukraine, which were among the reasons he ended his 37year career last week, according to multiple people familiar with the testimony, who, like others who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, were not authorized to discuss it.

"I was disturbed by the implication that foreign governments were being approached to procure negative information on political opponents," McKinley testified, according to a former colleague familiar with his remarks.

The impeachment inquiry revolves around a whistleblower's complaint that Trump was pushing Ukraine's leader into opening an investigation of a company connected to the son of Trump's potential 2020 Democratic rival Joe Biden. It is illegal to solicit or receive foreign help in a U.S. election.

Among McKinley's concerns was the administration's failure to support Ukrainian Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, who was ousted in March on orders from Trump.



NEW SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 28, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM "WRAPAROUND ASSESSMENT-COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION-COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER/SYSTEMS OF CARE

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN DOWLOAD THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (REP)/INVITATION TO BID (ITB) FROM THE CHCC WEBSITE [WWW.CHCC.GOV.MP]. ONCE AT THE SITE, NAVIGATE TO **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** TAB ON THE LEFT NAVIGATION BAR. CLICK ON THE URL FOR THIS RFP/ITB. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER DATA TO ALLOW US TO TRACK ALL REQUESTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 28, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM "PHARMACEUTICALS & MEDICAL SUPPLIES SHIPPING-COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION-OUTPATIENT PHARMACY"

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

hearing on December 2, 2019, at 9:00a.m. in Courtroom MBP, before Honorable Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio. Dated this 1st day of October, 2019 Patrick V. Diaz Clerk of Court By: Deputy Clerk of Court



Board of Trustees Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands 1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation hereby gives notice that a meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm, in CHCC Conference Room 3.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Determination of Quorum

Approval of Agenda Adoption of Minutes

A. August 7, 2019 B. August 15, 2019

C. September 26, 2019

Public Comments Chargemaster - Fees Update

Credential Privileges **New Applicants:**

2) Dr. Kyla Sherwood

Renewal Applicants:

3) Roca Sablan, NP/NM 4) Douglas Metz. PA

Shawna Brennfleck, NP

6) Dr. Glenda George 7) Dr. John Dovle

Reports: A. Management & Operations

B. Financial Statement CMS & ECRI Dashboard Update

QAPI Report - ESRD & Hospital

New Business: A. Election of Officers

Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session to consult with legal counsel.

Announcement

P.O. Box 500409 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 Telephone: (670) 236-8201/2 FAX: (670) 233-8756



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT **ADDENDUM NO. 1**



RFP19-GOV-136

"MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'

October 03, 2019

This addendum is issued to re-schedule the proposal questionnaire deadline and the proposal submission and opening deadline. Issuance Date of the Addendum: October 03, 2019 (Closing Date/Time: October 15, 2019 at 09:30 a.m., Chamorro Standard time is changed to read November 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time.

Pre-proposal Questions - Any pre-proposal questions and/or clarifications shall be submitted to Glenna SP Reyes in writing through mail at glenna.reyes@gov.mp no later than 5:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time on September 30,2019 is changed to no later than the close of business October 30, 2019. To delete: The Division of Procurement and Supply shall issue any addenda to address any questions and/or clarifications as necessary, no later than October 10, 2019. To add: All questions and answers shall be shared with all prospective/potential proposers.

Proposers located outside of the Commonwealth may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposals by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notice of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 09:30 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time, October 15, 2019 is changed to read no later than 10:00 a.m., Chamorro Standard Time, November 15, 2019 and may be transmitted via electronic mail

communication to a.magofna@dof.gov.mp or via facsimile to (670) 664-1515.

Proposals submitted by firms outside the Commonwealth must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by October 15, 2019 is changed to read **November 15, 2019** and mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply; P.O. Box and mailed to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply; P.O. Box 510008, Saipan MP, 96950. The proposal documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan *no later than the close of business October 24*, 2019 is changed to read **no later than the close of** business November 26, 2019

All other requirements of the Request for Proposal project package shall remain

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY(CPA)

CNMI GOVERNMENT Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN · MP 96950 • Phone: (670) 237-6500 • Fax: (670) 234-5962 E-mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-20

REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES The Commonwealth Ports Authority (Authority) is soliciting sealed proposals for service providers to provide appraisal services on the Saipan International Airport and Port of

Saipan properties. The service provider shall perform the appraisal services pursuant to the Scope of Work in the RFP package. The purpose of this appraisal is to establish the properties true replacement cost value to satisfy underwriting concerns in establishing appropriate levels of property insurance coverage and market rent of its commercial spaces at the Saipan Airport and Port of Saipan.

Request for Proposal (RFP) package may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director. Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2"d Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning October 18, 2019, from Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held on November 8, 2019, 10:00 A.M., at the Authority's Conference Room, 2nd Floor Departure Building, Saipan International Airport.

Deadline for submission of all questions and clarifications (RFI) is November 18, 2019. All questions should be submitted via email to chris.tenorio@cpa.gov.mp with copy to atudela@cpa.gov.mp and joydlg@cpa.gov.mp.

Deadline for submission of all proposals is Friday, November 29, 2019, before 2:00 p.m. Chamorro Standard Time (Saipan Time). All proposals must be addressed to Christopher S. Tenorio, Executive Director and submitted to his office, mentioned above.

CPA shall have the right to reject, in whole or in part, proposals or offers which have been submitted in response to the RFP, and/or cancel the RFP if it is determined to be in the interest of CPA and/or for whatever reasons allowed by law and/or regulations. This right to reject and/or cancel is also pursuant to CPA Procurement Regulations

Proposer's direct or indirect contact with any CPA board members, management, staff, or any persons participating in the election process is prohibited.

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO

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Asia

Hammer attack, thwarted speech stir more chaos in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP)—Assailants with hammers attacked a protest organizer and lawmakers shouting abuse forced Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam to abandon a speech in the legislature, in two dramas Wednesday that highlighted the chaos gripping the semi-autonomous Chinese territory after more than four months of anti-government unrest.

The attack on Jimmy Sham, one of the public faces of the protest movement, was reported by his Civil Human Rights Front, which has organized large demonstrations. Sham was on his way to an evening meeting in Kowloon when the four or five attackers pounced, leaving him with bloody head injuries but conscious, the Front said on its Facebook page.

It suggested the assault was politically motivated, linked "to a spreading political terror in order to threaten and inhibit the legitimate exercise of natural and legal rights."

Earlier in the day, pro-democracy lawmakers yelling that she is "the mother of the mafia police" forced Lam to stop delivering her annual policy address, causing her to walk out of the Legislative Council.

The hostile reception marked another slap in the face for the embattled chief executive grappling with the demonstrations and accompanying violence that have undermined her leadership, wrecked trust in the police and opened festering bitterness between opponents and supporters of the protest movement.

As she started to speak, chanting lawmakers held aloft placards suggesting Lam has blood on her hands. They also used a projector to light up Lam's face and the wall behind her with the protest movement's key demands. One lawmaker wearing a paper mask with the face of Chinese President Xi Jinping tossed a placard as Lam walked out.

After two thwarted attempts, unable to continue through the ruckus, Lam fell back on Plan B: delivering the speech 75 minutes late by video link, standing ramrodstraight with China's yellowstarred red flag to her right and a sham" and said the chief ex-Hong Kong's flag on her left.

Describing the territory as going through "major crisis," Lam said, "People are asking: Will Hong Kong return to normal?"

She appealed for its 7.5 million citizens to "cherish the city," warning that "continued violence and spread of hatred will erode the core values of Hong Kong."

But with its focus on such minutiae as building new tunnels and freeing up land for housing, the 50-minute speech titled "Treasure Hong Kong our home" only fueled criticism that Lam is deaf to protesters' concerns about the future of the territory's freedoms, unique in China.

In a subsequent news conference, Lam again made clear that she wouldn't resign and insisted there has been no erosion "whatsoever" of Hong Kong's freedoms.

"Hong Kong is still a very free society," she said.

Even before Lam delivered her speech, one of the protesting lawmakers, Claudia Mo, dismissed it as a "shame and ecutive had lost all authority.

"She is just a puppet on strings, being played by Beijing," Mo said at an impromptu news conference with other lawmakers outside the chamber after they successfully thwarted Lam's address there.

They played a recording on a small loudspeaker that they said was the sound of police tear-gassing protesters and of

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NOTICE OF BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby

gives notice that Board Committees on

Seaport Facilities and Personnel Affairs will

be holding regular meetings on Tuesday,

October 22, 2019, beginning 9:30 a.m. in

the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF)

Classroom located in the Airport Fire Station

at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International

AGENDA

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Adoption of Minutes (August 16, 2019)

4. DLNR Memorandum of Agreement

5. Asia-Pacific Ship Investment Inc.

Seaport Road Paving design

3. Outer Cove Marina Closure

Tinian Marine Stevedore

5. Updated Committee Report

Executive Session (if needed)

(Industrial Drive)

for Rota West Harbor Small Boat Marin-

Airport on the island of Saipan.

Call to Order. Roll Call.

Adoption of Agenda,

Seaport Police Boat

2. Tasi Tours Request

Old Business

3. Echo Dock

IV. New Business:

2. Sea Lago

protesters' wails.

"These are the voices of people screaming and they are just ordinary Hong Kong people," said lawmaker Tanya Chan. "Please, please, please Mrs. Carrie Lam, don't let us suffer any more."

She and others called for Lam's resignation. "This is the only way that we can have a good future," said Chan.

Pro-Beijing legislators

condemned the disruption, among them Martin Liao. who called it "totally unforgivable."

Lam had been bracing for trouble in the legislature, given the fury whipped by the protests that started in June over a contested extradition bill and have grown into a full-blown tornado of sustained anti-government, antipolice and anti-China anger.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LATTE STONE HOTEL PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SMS-2019-X-060

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Latte Stone Hotel project in Garapan, Saipan,

The Li Xu, LLC is proposing to construct and operate the proposed Latte Stone Hotel along Puti Tainobu Avenue in Garapan, Saipan The proposed development is a 4-story hotel building with four 1-bedroom guest rooms, reception and lobby area, a retail space on the first floor, a combination of 1 to 3-bedroom guest rooms on the second and third floor, and seven 1-bedroom guest rooms on the fourth floor. Total rooms for this development is 57 with a total parking spaces of 24. The project will be situated on two leased private properties identified as Lot Nos. 004 D 29, measuring a total of 929 sq. m. and 004 D 030, measuring a total area of about 929 sq. m.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6. 2019, 5PM, at the BECQ main conference room, 2nd Floor, on Middle Road

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Latte Stone Hotel project.

/s/ Janice E. Castro

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www.dcrm.gov.mp NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TACHOGNYA QUARRY

PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2019-X-048 The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a

public hearing for the proposed Tachognya Quarry operation in Tachognya,

The GPPC, Inc. is proposing to operate a quarry operation in Tachognya, Tinian. GPPC, Inc. anticipates to produce aggregates of different sizes including manufactured sand. The operation will consists of a cement batching plant, an asphalt batching plant, and an office with an onsite generator. Staging of the quarry materials will be situated at Carolinas, Tinian.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 4:30PM. Venue for this hearing will be announced at a later date.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office. Suite 305. Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Tachognya Quarry project

/s/ Janice E. Castro Director Division of Coastal Resources Management

ASIAN BRIEFS

Landslide, building damage from PH quake kills 4 DAVAO, Philippines (AP)—

A landslide and building damage caused by a strong earthquake in the southern Philippines killed four people and injured dozens. The Office of Civil Defense said Thursday morning that two people died and 18 were injured in a landslide set off by the quake in Magsaysay town in Davao del Sur province. ABS-CBN television network reported two more deaths elsewhere, including a girl hit by a collapsed house wall. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said the 6.3 magnitude earthquake Wednesday night centered 22 kilometers (14 miles) southeast of Tulunan in North Cotabato province at a relatively shallow depth of 8 kilometers (5 miles). More than 200 aftershocks have been recorded. The U.S. Geological Survey placed the magnitude at 6.4 quake with a depth of 14 kilometers (9 miles). Shallow quakes tend to cause more damage than deeper ones.

Pakistan says Saudis, Iran willing to pursue diplomacy

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's foreign minister says Iran and Saudi Arabia have indicated a willingness to pursue diplomacy to end their disputes after Pakistan's prime minister traveled to both countries to try and ease tensions. Tensions between the rival Middle Eastern countries escalated following last month's attack on the Saudi oil industry. Shah Mahmood Qureshi said Wednesday that both the Saudi and Iranian leadership indicated a willingness to talk after meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, who traveled to Iran on Sunday and Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. Qureshi revealed no additional details.

Troops in Kashmir exchange fire, 4 civilians killed

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani and Indian troops exchanged gunfire in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, killing four civilians and wounding nearly a dozen others, officials from both sides said Wednesday. as tensions remain high between the two South Asian countries. Kashmir is split between Pakistan and India and claimed by both countries in its entirety. They have fought two wars over the province. India sparked a new round of tensions in August, when it downgraded the autonomy of its side of Kashmir and imposed tighter controls on the

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Nestor Mathew C. Taitano Petitioner FCD-DI-CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-0373 VS. SUMMONS Li Li Taitano Respondent

TO: Li Li Taitano

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to eliver or mail a conv of your Nestor Mathew C. Taitano whose mailing address is P.O. Box 503730 Saipan as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 500307 Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, Judgment by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2018

/s/ Clerk of Court

area. On Wednesday, Pakistan's foreign ministry said it summoned an Indian diplomat to lodge its protest over the previous day's "cease fire violations" that killed three civilians, including two children, on the Pakistani side of the contested Kashmir border.

Miscellaneous/Announcements VII. Adjournment PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE MEETING

Call to Order, Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, Adoption of Minutes (August 16, 2019)

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2. Final Adoption of Proposed Personne

Rules and Regulations- Anti-bullying and various matters

IV. New Business:

Additional staff – HR Specialist,

2. Employment Contract -

Tinian Ports Manager 3. Training Evaluation Form

4. ARFF Fitness Standard

Operating Procedures — (SOP's 36-38) 5. Updated Committee Report

V. Executive Session (if needed) VI. Miscellaneous/An

VII. Adjournment

Persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the agenda items. A time limit may be imposed, for oral testimony

Pete P. Reyes Seaport Facilities Committee Chair

Joseph M. Diaz Personnel Affairs Committee Chair **20** FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

World

Turkish invasion sparks NATO crisis but eviction is unlikely

invasion of northern Syriaalong with the criticism and threats of sanctions brandished by fellow NATO members at Ankara over the offensive—is close to sparking a crisis at the world's biggest military alliance.

But despite the high political-military tensions, Turkey is very unlikely to be ejected from the 29-member alliance, for NATO has seen tense times and survived them before.

From the Suez Canal crisis in 1956 to France leaving its military command structure in 1967—which forced the alliance to move its headquarters to Brussels in Belgium—to the deep split among allies over the Iraq war in 2003, NATO bonds have been tested. But no country has left the alliance or been forced out.

Beyond that, Turkey is of great strategic importance to NATO. The large, mainly Muslim country straddles the Bosporus Strait, making it vital bridge between Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia. It's also the only waterway in and out of the Black Sea, where Russia's naval fleet is based.

Turkey has NATO's second biggest army, after the United States, and keeping the country inside NATO helps keep a lid on Turkey's historic tensions with its neighbor Greece.

NATO allies also rely on the Incirlik air base in southeast Turkey as a staging point for access to the Middle East. The alliance runs aerial surveillance operations from Incirlik and the United States has nuclear weapons stationed there.

"I think it's better to have Turkey inside NATO than out-



side NATO, to be honest. I think it's important to have them in our family and discussion. I think it's easier to work with them that way, but we cannot behave as if this had not happened," Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg said Tuesday.

Turkey has been testing fellow NATO members' patience for a while.

Its military offensive in Syria comes on top of tensions over Turkey's purchase of Russian-made S400 missiles, which threaten NATO security and the F-35 stealth jet. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also purged thousands of military officers following the failed coup in Turkey in 2016 and some have sought, and been granted, asylum in NATO countries.

"At the moment, this is the greatest political-military challenge the alliance faces," Ian O. Lesser, vice president at the German Marshall Fund think-tank, said Wednesday. "Obviously as an existential matter, it's not on a par with deterring Russia in places like the Baltics or around the Black Sea. But in terms of a political crisis within the alliance, and potentially a security crisis, it's very, very high on the agenda."

So far, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg has urged Turkey to show restraint and to be wary of provoking yet another humanitarian disaster, particularly as well over a million Syrians have already fled to Europe in recent years.

Stoltenberg has exhorted Ankara to focus on NATO's common enemy; the Islamic State group, some of whose fighters are reported to have escaped jail during the Turkish offensive. But he has not, at least not in public, called for a ceasefire.

Indeed, Stoltenberg has shied away from any public criticism of Turkey-or of any other NATO member—and recalled that the alliance plays no role in Syria, beyond helping with the surveillance of air traffic over the country from abroad.

Syrian forces enter key border town, blocking Turkish plans

CEYLANPINAR,

Turkey (AP)—Syrian forces on Wednesday night rolled into the strategic border town of Kobani, blocking one path for the Turkish military to establish a "safe zone" free of Syrian Kurdish fighters along the frontier as part of its week-old offensive.

The seizure of Kobani by forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad also pointed to a dramatic shift in northeastern Syria: The town was where the United States military and Kurdish fighters first united to defeat the Islamic State group four years ago and holds powerful symbolism for Syrian Kurds and their ambitions of self-rule.

The convoys of government forces drove into Kobani after dark, a resident said. The resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal, was one of the few remaining amid fears of a Turkish attack on the town. Svria's state-run media confirmed its troops entered the town.

Syria's presence in Kobani puts a firm limit on Turkish ambitions in its offensive. The town lies between a Turkishcontrolled enclave farther west and smaller areas to the east that Turkey seized in the

Turkey had talked of creating a 30-kilometer (19-mile) deep "safe zone," driving out Kurdish fighters from the border region. Turkish forces had shelled Kobani in recent days as part of the offensive but had not advanced ground troops on it.

The battle for Kobani turned the once-nondescript town into a centerpiece of the international campaign against IS, with TV cameras flocking to the Turkish side of the border to track the plumes of smoke

rising from explosions in the besieged town. Then-U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry declared it would be "morally very difficult" not to help Kobani.

The IS extremists were finally driven out in early 2015 in their first major defeat, and an alliance was cemented that would eventually bring down the group's "caliphate" in Syria.

Now the Kurdish authority agreed to allow Damascus to deploy its military in the town and other parts of northeast Syria to protect them from Turkey's offensive launched after U.S. President Donald Trump pulled back American troops working with the Kurds.

On Wednesday, the U.S-led coalition said it had vacated a cement factory south of Kobani, which had served as a coordination center with the Kurdish-led forces. Coalition spokesman Col. Myles

Caggins said that after troops left the base, two U.S. fighter jets launched pre-planned airstrikes to destroy ammunition that was left behind.

The coalition also said its forces had left Raqqa, the former capital of the Islamic State that was liberated in 2017, and Tabqa, a town to the west.

"Coalition forces continue a deliberate withdrawal from northeast Syria," Caggins tweeted.

After being effectively abandoned by the U.S., the Kurds' turn to the Syrian government for protection has allowed Damascus' ally, Russia, to step in as the biggest power player.

Moscow further asserted that role Wednesday, offering to mediate a resolution to the conflict, one day before U.S. Vice President Mike Pence was to begin a mission to press Turkey for a cease-fire.

Parties is threatened." Turkey has done this in the past, in 2015 after a series of extremist attacks on its territory and in 2012 when a fighter

A Syrian girl who is newly dis-

placed by the Turkish military

operation in northeastern Syria,

weeps as she sits in a bus upon

her arrival at the Bardarash

camp, north of Mosul, Iraq, Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019.

NATO ambassadors debat-

ed the Turkish invasion again

Wednesday, NATO headquar-

One option open to Turkey's

partners is to request consulta-

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TO's founding treaty, which is

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ters said without elaborating.

jet was shot down over Syria. Poland did so in 2014, when tensions in Ukraine were at

their height.

Nine dead as Guineans protest president's bid to extend power

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)—At least nine people have been killed in three days

of protests in Guinea against the president's bid to extend his time in power, while hospitals are overwhelmed with scores of people wounded, a doctor told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Some of the bullet wounds indicate that people were shot at close range, Dr. Diallo Mamadou Bella said. He is volunteering to treat the more than 70 wounded protesters at a hospital in the suburbs of the capital, Conakry, where many of the protests have been taking place.

It is not clear how many people have been killed and wounded overall in the protests, which have drawn thousands of people into the streets.

President Alpha Conde's mandate ends in December 2020 but he seeks a referendum to allow a third term in the West African nation of some 12 million people.

The National Front for the Defense of the Constitution, a coalition group, called for the demonstrations. Its leader, Abdourahmane Sanoh, and at least five others have since been arrested and were in court on Wednesday, charged with acts to compromise public security and disrupt public order.

"We will continue the struggle until they are re-

leased. We will not negotiate as long as they are detained," said Oumar Sylla Fonike Mengue, the acting spokesman for the coalition also

known as the FNDC.

The group, anticipating a crackdown by security forces, had encouraged youth to protest in their districts instead of gathering all in one place. It had called on security forces, which have had a history of violence, to show restraint.

One opposition party spokesman, Ousmane Gaoual Diallo, blamed the government for the protesters' deaths.

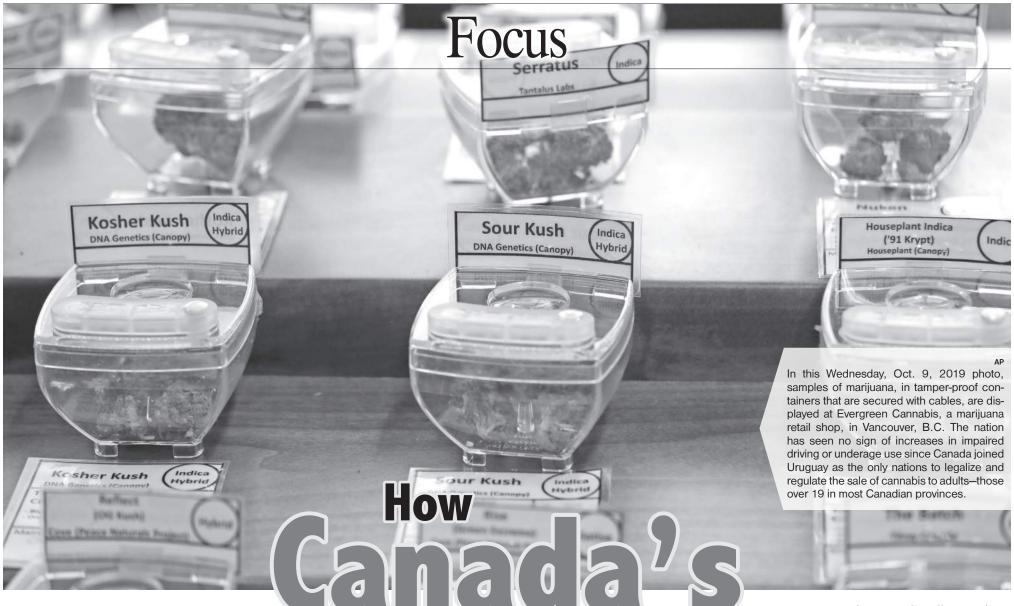
All the money spent to reform the security forces had been useless, he said. "Soldiers, gendarmes and police shoot Guineans, they kill like flies. It's a shame."

The counselor to Guinea's presidency, Souleymane Keita, said the nine protesters didn't need to die.

"This is something that could be avoided if the FNDC had agreed to dialogue, to sit around a table,' he said. "I am sorry to know that nine Guineans, young people, die like this.'

The 81-year-old Conde was elected to a five-year term in December 2010 in the country's first democratic transition of power since independence from France in 1958. He was reelected in 2015.

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By GENE JOHNSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ever since Canada became the first major country to legalize marijuana for adults a year ago, other nations have been paying attention.

The small South American nation of Uruguay was the first to legalize marijuana for adults. New Zealand, Luxembourg and Mexico are among those that have looked to Canada for guidance or lessons, while Russia has chastised it for its "barefaced" flouting of international anti-drug treaties.

Here's a look at how Canada's experiment is playing out internationally and where the next attempts at legalization are coming:

UNITED STATES

States continue to flout federal prohibition and legalize marijuana within their borders, arguing that the nation's war on pot has drained law enforcement resources, had a disparate impact on minorities and failed to curb the drug's popularity.

Thirty-three states and Washington, D.C., have now legalized cannabis for medical or recreational use, with Michigan and Illinois the most recent of 11 states to OK recreational sales.

Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives, with significant bipartisan support, passed a bill that would grant legal marijuana businesses access to banking while sheltering financial institutions from prosecution for handling marijuana-linked money. That

legalization is shaping cannabis laws elsewhere

would clear up a serious headache for the industry. Many pot businesses have had to conduct sales and pay vendors or taxes in cash, making them robbery targets and also making it harder to detect theft, tax evasion and money laundering.

Advocates say the vote was a sign the U.S., long the world's leading proponent of the drug war, is ready for comprehensive cannabis reform.

LUXEMBOURG

The small nation of about 615,000 people has decriminalized possession of small amounts of the drug, and since January it has allowed medical use. Now it is aiming to become the first country in Europe to legalize and regulate recreational sales to adults, a development that could lead to broader cannabis regulation in the European Union.

The government has announced that it intends to legalize sales, with Health Minister Etienne Schneider recently telling the Euronews television network that the country's cannabis legislation will be "inspired by the Canadian model." Officials estimate that it will take about two years before legal sales begin.

While Schneider said Luxembourg's legalization won't force the hand of other EU nations, he said he intended to speak with counterparts in Germany, France and Belgium, the countries that border Luxembourg, and encourage them to explore the possibility of regulating the drug. In the meantime, Schneider said, Luxembourg will respect their prohibitions by limiting sales to Luxembourg residents.

MEXICO

Mexico's Supreme Court ruled last year that the government's ban on the personal use of marijuana was unconstitutional, the culmination of a series of rulings against prohibition since 2015. That's helped put Mexico on a path toward full legalization. Before he was even sworn in, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador sent emissaries to Canada to discuss its approach to cannabis.

Things are moving quickly now, with the ruling party's Senate leader saying the chamber intends to vote on a new legalization measure by the end of this month, following dozens of forums in which politicians, advocates and voters have worked out what a regulated system might look like.

"The importance of Cana-

da having regulated is that it broke the taboo on an international level in a way that Uruguay did not," said Zara Snapp, a drug policy reform advocate in Mexico City. "For us, what it taught us is there is a path, and that path is possible without there being any apocalyptic sanctions from international bodies."

That said, after severe drugwar violence, Mexico's legalization is not likely to mirror Canada's, where a few massive corporations have dominated production and more artisanal growers have largely been shut out. For example, lawmakers are considering giving greater licensing privileges to indigenous groups, she said.

"We need it to have a way bigger impact than just tax revenue or stock exchange values," Snapp said. "The things that indicate success in other jurisdictions are not going to be the same indicators of success for us."

NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand will hold a referendum next year on whether to legalize and regulate the adult use of marijuana—the first country to put legalization to a nationwide vote. Officials are still hammering out the exact

language, but in a speech last month Justice Minister Andrew Little said the measure would include a minimum purchase and use age of 20; a ban on using the drug in public; limits on home growing, marketing and advertising; a public education program; and licensing requirements for the entire supply chain.

"The approach we are taking is that in the event of a 'Yes' vote in the referendum, it will be necessary to have a regime that affords maximum control, so that the obvious risks can be minimized," Little told a drug policy symposium last month.

Whether the vote will be binding is a matter of dispute. The three parties that make up New Zealand's governing coalition have vowed to honor it, but legislation would be required to effect legalization, and the center-right party National has not made clear whether it will support the bill.

Advocates have expressed concern about social justice in New Zealand's legalization efforts as well, suggesting that its model could strike a balance between Uruguay, where access to cannabis is tightly controlled at a small number of pharmacies, and the more commercial approach taken

by some Canadian provinces and U.S. states.

RUSSIA

Canada's legalization hasn't been uniformly well received. Russia's representative to the international Commission on Narcotic Drugs lamented the "barefaced" and "blatant violation by Canada of its international obligations" under anti-drug treaties.

"There exists real danger that some other countries may follow the example set by Canada, which would lead to the erosion and even dismantling of the whole international legal foundation of our fight against narcotic drugs," Mikhail Ulyanov said.

As recently as this month, Russia's mission to the UN tweeted: "#Legalization of narcotic drugs, including cannabis, for recreational purposes constitutes a grave violation of the international law."

But Russia may have ulterior motives in criticizing Canada, given what many world leaders consider to be its own flouting of international law in annexing Crimea, among other issues.

"Russia has its reasons for trying to call out a country like Canada on its commitment to international rule of law," said John Walsh, who monitors global drug policy with the advocacy group Washington Office on Latin America. "They delight in being able to say Canada is athwart its obligations. But I don't think Russia's bluster is going to keep other countries from moving forward."

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Science & Technology

Vote-by-smartphone offered to overseas voters

Oregon counties are offering the opportunity for U.S. military members, their dependents and others living overseas to vote in special elections this November with smartphones, officials announced Wednesday.

While some technology experts have warned that such systems could be insecure, the two counties have already advised hundreds of registered voters living overseas about the option to cast ballots using blockchain-based mobile voting. Oregon residents normally vote by mail.

Jackson County Clerk Christine Walker expressed confidence in the system and

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Two said it will help ensure that the United States reached a the votes of those overseas will be counted. She noted that overseas mail systems can be unreliable and that she was very worried that Washington's threats to pull the United States from the United Nations' postal agency would prevent voters overseas from casting ballots.

"We need to make sure that our military and overseas voters have the not only ability to vote, but they can easily access their ballots in a safe manner," Walker said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "There was a potential crisis going on."

The disruption to international mail was averted when compromise in September that enabled it to remain in the Universal Postal Union, the U.N. agency that coordinates postal policies among its 192 member countries.

Walker predicted the mobile pilot program that her county will be trying out in a Nov. 5 special election will offer a glimpse of what the future holds.

"My grandkids, great grandkids, great-great grandkids, aren't going to want anything to do with a polling place, let alone a paper ballot," Walker said. "Their expectation is that they have it easily accessible on one of their devices."

The Oregon secretary of state's office, which oversees elections in the state, has endorsed the pilot project.

Deputy Secretary of State Rich Vial said in a statement that "by enabling these voters to cast a ballot using their mobile device ... we can make it easier, and at the same time more secure, for them to cast a ballot from wherever they are in the world."

Blockchain is a digital public ledger that can be shared and used by a large, decentralized network, making it theoretically more resistant to tampering.

Jackson County in southern Oregon has notified almost 400 voters overseas about the pilot project. Umatilla County in northern Oregon is also participating.

This is very, very new to me," said Kim Lindell, elections manager of Umatilla County. "I'm not sure how

well received it will be."

The county has sent 63 notices to overseas voters that they can vote using the new system, Lindell said.

"It's said to be very secure, and I think that our overseas people will benefit from it if they decide to give it a try," Lindell said.

The effort is a collaboration between the two county elections offices; Voatz, a Boston-based company providing the mobile elections platform; Tusk Philanthropies and the National Cybersecurity Center.

Voters using the system fill out absentee ballot requests, complete identity authentication and verification on the Voatz application, and submit their ballots.

"Jackson and Umatilla Counties just made history as the first in Oregon to give voters the ability to vote in the same way they conduct most

of their other business—on their phones," said Bradley Tusk, founder and CEO of Tusk Philanthropies.

The two counties are the fourth and fifth jurisdictions nationwide to partner with Tusk Philanthropies in its efforts to expand mobile voting. Previously, Tusk Philanthropies partnered with West Virginia; the city of Denver and Denver County; and Utah County, Utah.

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner called it a success when it was used in the 2018 election by 144 registered votes from 21 counties who cast ballots from 31 countries.

Warner plans to offer it again in 2020. Warner, a U.S. Army veteran, said he could not vote when he was deployed in 2012 and 2014 because of unreliable mail service and alternative transmission methods.

US agency plans to update auto safety ratings next year

DETROIT (AP)—The government's highway safety agency says it plans a significant update to its automobile crash test ratings next year, and it will look at including new technology to make roads safer.

National Highway

Source: Omer Inan of Georgia Institute of Technology; IEEE Transactions on Biomedical journal; Physiological Measurements journal Graphic: Helen McComas, Tribune News Service

Traffic Safety Administration says it will study new test procedures and updates to its star rating system for automobiles, as well as technology that will better protect pedestrians and bicyclists.

The announcement comes a day before a road safety advocacy group planned a press conference to call on the agency to update the safety tests. Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety say the U.S. pioneered the ratings but they haven't kept pace with new technology and have fallen behind other countries.

TECH Q&A: The rush is on to upgrade Windows 7 by January There is nothing like a deadline to get millions of PC By STEVE ALEXANDER

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owners moving.

Windows 7 users face a Jan. 14 deadline for the end of Microsoft security updates and need to move to Windows 10 or risk being hacked.

There are still an estimated 300 million Windows 7 users worldwide. Corporate users can buy Windows 7 security updates for three more years. But consumers are less than three months from Windows 7 obsolescence.

As a result, several readers have asked about switching to Windows 10. Here are some answers to their ques-

■ What is the easiest way to move to Windows 10?

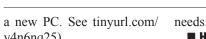
In order, the easiest methods are: Buy a new Windows 10 PC (starts at \$400), buy a refurbished PC with Windows 10 (starts at \$130), pay a repair shop to upgrade your Windows 7 PC to Windows 10 (about \$240, including software) or do the upgrade yourself (about \$140.)

■ Are there any hidden

If you upgrade a Windows 7 PC, probably not. If you buy a new or refurbished PC, you will need to reinstall all your programs on the new computer. If you have those programs on an installation disk, that should be easy. If you don't, you may have to buy them again. (Note: Newer versions of Microsoft Office can be transferred to

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v4n6nq25). ■ What should you do before upgrading Windows 7 to 10?

Make sure your PC qualifies for the upgrade (see "system requirements" at tinyurl. com/y2ox2p2a or look on your PC manufacturer's website for a list of eligible PCs.)

Back up all your data documents, photos, videos, saved e-mails, spreadsheets to a flash drive or an external hard drive. You should do this regularly, but always before an operating system upgrade.

■ Can you provide stepby-step instructions for the upgrade?

Yes (see tinyurl.com/ y7vnyef4). One useful step is a free "Windows 10 update tool," which will determine which version of Windows 10 your PC needs.

■ How do I keep my Windows 7 settings in Windows 10?

If you upgrade your Windows 7 PC, they should be kept automatically. If you buy a new or refurbished PC, you will need to reset Windows 10 to match your

■ How do I transfer data and bookmarks to a new or

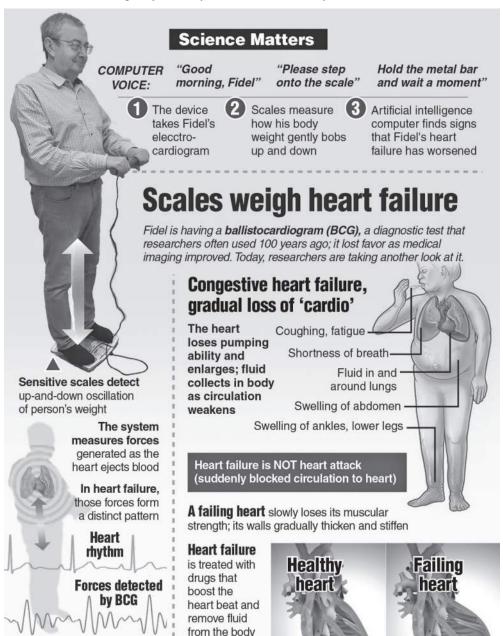
refurbished Windows 10 PC? Transfer your data manually by copying file folders containing documents, photos, etc., from the Windows 7 PC to a flash drive, then copying them from the flash drive to the Windows 10 PC.

Or you can use the "Windows Easy Transfer" program that's built in to Windows 7 (see tinyurl.com/y6q6on79). It will copy to a flash drive your Windows 7 user accounts, documents, pictures, music, email stored on the PC, Internet Explorer favorites and videos.

If you use the Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox browsers, you can transfer their bookmarks via flash drive (see tinyurl.com/y2vojzmh).

■ What's the biggest risk of doing the upgrade your-

If it goes wrong, you might have to do a "clean install" of Windows 10, which would erase what's on the PC's hard disk. You'd then have to reinstall your programs and copy your data from your backup.



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Off The Wall

Dog lost since 2007 found over 1K miles away in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A toy fox terrier that disappeared from its family's south Florida home in 2007 was found this week over a thousand miles away in Pittsburgh and reunited with its owner on Friday.

The 14-year-old named Dutchess was found hungry,

shivering and in serious need of a nail trim under a shed on Monday, according to Humane Animal Rescue.

The property owner took the dog to a Humane Animal Rescue location, where staffers were able to locate a microchip and trace the dog back to its owners in Boca Raton, Florida.

The dog's owner, Katheryn Strang, drove all the way to Pittsburgh for an emotional reunion with Dutchess.

Boca Raton, Florida, is about 1,130 miles (18184.74 kilometers) from Pittsburgh.

Strang said she couldn't believe it when she got the call that her dog had been found after all these years.

She said her son opened the door after school one day and Dutchess got out and they never saw her again. They were living in Orlando at the time

dents to clean up after their

near a very busy street and she assumed the dog was either hit or scooped up by someone.

She checked shelters daily in the weeks after Dutchess went missing, and continued to pay the annual fee on the microchip, as well as update her contact information whenever she moved.

"They are like your babies. You don't give up hope," she said at a news conference after reuniting with Dutchess.

As she kissed and hugged her long-lost pet, she murmured to the dog: "Where have you been?"

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Giant pumpkin weighing 2,175 pounds sets California record

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (AP)—A Northern California pumpkin hobbyist has won first place at the 46th annual Safeway World Championship Pumpkin Weigh Off, setting a record for the largest in California. Leonardo Urena of Napa won \$15,000 Monday when his pumpkin logged 2,175 pounds (986 kilograms). Weigh-off spokesman Timothy Beeman says Urena's pumpkin is the second largest in the contest's history. A pumpkin from Washington state weighed nearly 2,400 pounds (1,088 kilograms) and won in Half Moon Bay in 2017. The 51-year-old says he took up the hobby in 2000 and says he enjoys the pumpkin growing community. He also won the Half Moon Bay contest in 2011. Urena says he always tells his pumpkins he's proud of them and he encourages them to keep growing.

Deputies: Naked man wreaked havoc on business, then showered

CAPE CORAL, Fla. (AP)— A Florida man who was found nude inside a plumbing business is facing charges after being accused of using a forklift and a hammer to wreak havoc before taking a shower there. The News-Press reports 24-year-old Joseph Michael Bieniek was confronted by an employee at United Plumbing on Friday. The employee told Lee County deputies he was working late in the warehouse and went to investigate a noise when he found Bieniek standing naked and clutching a hammer. The employee said Bieniek didn't threaten him. Surveillance video showed Bieniek causing destruction to the plumbing business and a neighboring business. Bieniek was released Sunday on \$26,500 bond and faces two charges of burglary and charges of resisting arrest, larceny and criminal mischief. It's unclear if he's retained an attorney.

'Is this your turd?'

» Missouri city's cleanup flags dog poop

SPRINGFIELD, (AP)—Officials in a south-

Mo. ing small flags in piles of abandoned dog poop as part west Missouri city are plant- of a campaign to get resi-

The Police Department in Springfield, Missouri, posted photos of the flags in use on its Facebook page Wednesday.

pets downtown.

The flags contain messages such as, "Is this your turd? 'Cuz that's absurd" and "This is a nudge to pick up the fudge."

The campaign started this week and the department noted on Facebook that leaving behind a pet's mess in many cases violates a city ordinance.

The flags are made of bamboo and recycled paper.

The city said it picks up nearly 25 pounds (11.34 kilograms) of poop a week from downtown parks and parking lots, costing \$7,500 annually.



This undated photo provided by the Department of Public Information in the city of Springfield, Missouri shows dog poop.

Big avocado earns Hawaii family a Guinness World Records honor

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP)— A Hawaii family has won a place with the Guinness World Records for the world's heaviest avocado.

The Pokini family from the island of Maui received the Guinness certificate this week for the avocado weighing 5.6 pounds (2.54 kilograms), The Maui News reported Thursday.

The average avocado weighs about 6 ounces (170 grams), according to Guinness officials.

The Pokini family's avocado tree is more than 10 years old and 20 feet (6.1 meters) tall. Mark Pokini planted it when his son was born, using a seed from his brother-in-law's tree on Oahu island, he said.

Mark and Juliane Pokini and their son, Loihi, applied in December for the Guinness recognition involving a tough verification process by the company known as the chronicler of the world's record achievements.

The family in 2018 entered another avocado, but it did not meet all the elements of the Guinness verification process requiring input from a certified horticulturalist, two forms completed by witnesses, a state-certified scale, photographs, video and other documentation

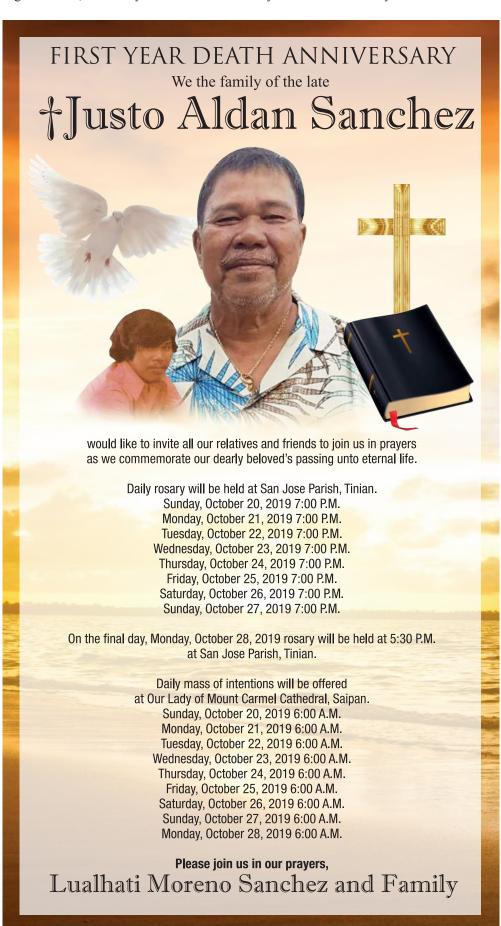
For the second attempt, the family gathered a team and the right tools ahead of time as they watched the growth of what became the record fruit.

They did not water or fertilize the tree, deciding to "kind of just leave it alone," Juliane Pokini said.

Winning was emotional, she said.

"We were excited," Juliane Pokini said. "But at the same time, we were like, finally. It was such a long wait."

The prize avocado was put to good use when the family made a whole bunch of guacamole" to share with relatives and friends, she said.



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'Tarzan' actor Ron Ely's wife killed; son shot by deputies

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—"Tarzan" actor Ron Ely's wife was stabbed to death in their California home by their 30-year-old son, who was then shot and killed by sheriff's deputies, authorities said Wednesday.

Deputies summoned to the home by a 911 call found Valerie Lundeen Ely, 62, dead with multiple stab wounds shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday, a Santa Barbara County sheriff's statement said.

The deputies talked to Ron

Ely and identified his son, 30-year-old Cameron Ely, as the suspect, and found him outside the home in Hope Ranch, a suburb of luxury homes outside Santa Barbara, authorities said.

Cameron Ely posed a threat to deputies, four of whom opened fire and killed him, the statement said. It did not say what he had done that was threatening.

Ron Ely, 81, played the



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title character on the NBC series "Tarzan," which ran from 1966 to 1968

He was host of the Miss America pageant in 1980 and 1981 and later married Valerie Ely, a former Miss Florida. The couple had three

children.

There was no report of Ron
Ely being injured. Authorities
confirmed he was at the home
during the stabbing and the
shooting, and an earlier sher-

iff's statement said an elderly man in the home was taken to a hospital for evaluation.

The home where the killings took place is one of two addresses listed in public records for Cameron Ely. It is not clear whether he had been living with his parents.

The tall, musclebound actor Ron Ely was not quite as wellknown as Johnny Weismuller, the Olympic swimmer who played "Tarzan," the character created by novelist Edgar Rice Burroughs, in movies in the 1930s and 1940s. But Ely formed the image of the shirt-less, loincloth-wearing character remembered by many in the baby-boom generation.

Ely said in interviews that he did his own stunts on the show, working directly and precariously with the tigers, chimps and other wild animals that were Tarzan's friends and servants.

Ely's Tarzan didn't speak in the monosyllabic grunts often associated with the character. He was instead an educated bachelor who had grown sick of civilization and had returned to African jungle where he was raised.

Ely also played the title character in the 1975 action film "Doc Savage: The Man of Bronze," but otherwise had mostly small roles in TV and films including the 1958 movie musical "South Pacific."

Ely retired from acting to focus on his family in 2001. But he returned briefly in 2014 in the TV movie "Expecting Amish."



This undated image released by the The Museum of Modern Art shows the installation "Artist's Choice: Amy Sillman—The Shape of Shape," part of the renovation and expansion effort at MoMA in New York.

MoMA reopens with more space, fresh juxtapositions

NEW YORK (AP)—The Museum of Modern Art's new \$450 million, 47,000-square-foot expansion offers visitors more than much-needed elbow room. It emphasizes new juxtapositions of works to encourage broader perspectives and new narratives.

The revamped MoMA, a third bigger than the old one, opens to the public on Oct. 21.

While iconic works by the likes of Monet, Van Gogh, Picasso and Pollock remain dependably on view, visitors are invited to see them in a new light, now displayed side by side with less familiar works by women and minorities, and artists from places like Africa,

South America and Asia.

The goal is to rethink the familiar and make Modernism feel fresh and challenging again.

"Sometimes even small juxtapositions can have a big impact," says Jodi Hauptmann, senior curator of drawings and prints at MoMA. "On the fifth floor, for example, Van Gogh's 'The Starry Night' is now shown in the same gallery as a collection of ceramics made at the same time by George Ohr, of Biloxi, Mississippi. It's interesting to see those things together."

Picasso's 1907 "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon" now shares gallery space with a 1967 painting by African-American artist Faith Ringgold featuring an interracial gunfight. Seeing the two works together provides fresh perspective on both, and seems to emphasize the violence of Picasso's fractured bodies.

"Inspired by Alfred Barr's original vision to be an experimental museum in New York, the real value of this expansion is not just more space, but space that allows us to rethink the experience of art in the museum," says Glenn D. Lowry, director of MoMA.

To keep creating fresh juxtapositions, offer up more of the museum's permanent collection, and place greater focus on multiculturalism, the revamped MoMA promises to rotate many of the works in its galleries every six months.

"It's an opportunity to show visitors what the museum has been doing in terms of collecting these past years," says Michelle Elligott, chief of archives, library and research collections.

In some of the galleries, sculpture, painting, design, architecture, photography and film are all featured together.

"We have now brought various departments into conversation, which allows visitors to explore what different artists were doing during the same time period," says Martino Stierli, chief curator of architecture and design at the museum.

Other galleries continue to focus on a single medium. Explains Juliet Kinchin, curator in the department of architecture and design: "Each floor has a broad chronological frame, but within each frame there's more flexibility, with occasional breakouts to create a dialogue."

"We're trying to have some areas that are fully integrated in terms of departments, and other areas where you can really focus solely on a particular medium," she says.

To help alleviate crowds, MoMA now has more ways to reach the galleries, including through a new wing on the west side.

Woods to write a memoir on ups and downs of his career

NEW YORK (AP)—Tiger Woods is writing what he describes as his definitive story in a memoir titled "Back."

HarperCollins Publishers announced Tuesday it has acquired rights to the first memoir written by Woods. Still be determined is when it will be published.

The memoir will cover Woods from his youth as a golf prodigy to his rise as the youngest Masters champion and the only player to hold all four major championships at the same time. It will delve into his slide from injuries and his high-profile personal issues that led to divorce, along with his comeback from four back surgeries to win the Masters at age 43 for his 15th career major.

The only other books to which Woods contributed was "How I Play Golf" in 2001 with the edi-



Wood

tors or Golf Digest and "The 1997 Masters: My Story" coauthored by Lorne Rubenstein.

"I've been in the spotlight for a long time, and because of that, there have been books and articles and TV shows about me, most filled with errors, speculative and wrong, Woods said. "This book is my definitive story. It's in my words and expresses my thoughts. It describes how I feel and what's happened in my life. I've been working at it steadily, and I'm looking forward to continuing the process and creating a book that people will want to read."

Woods, who has 81 victories on the PGA Tour and is one short of tying the career record held by Sam Snead, returns to competition next week in Japan.

Netflix heads into showdown with slowing subscriber growth

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Netflix's subscriber growth is bogging down even before the leading video streaming service confronts high-powered threats from Apple and Walt Disney Co.

The latest sign of the challenges the company is facing emerged Wednesday with the release of its third-quarter results. The numbers provided further evidence that Netflix's salad days may be over, par-

ticularly in the U.S., where most households that want its 12-year-old streaming service already have it.

Netflix added 6.8 million subscribers worldwide from July through September, below the 7 million customers forecast by the Los Gatos, California, company. Just 520,000 of those subscribers were picked up in the U.S., below the 800,000 that management anticipated. The

shortfall came after Netflix lost 123,000 subscribers in the U.S. during the April-June period, marking its first contraction in eight years.

The latest miss on U.S. subscriber growth "spells trouble for the company ahead of heightened competition," said eMarketer analyst Eric Haggstrom. "The fourth quarter represents a completely new ballgame for Netflix."

Uncertainty about Netflix's future growth is the main reason the company's stock had dropped by about 30% below its peak price of \$423.21 reached 16 months ago. Netflix's shares surged 10% in extended trading Wednesday, apparently because some investors had been bracing for an even bigger letdown in the third quarter.

Netflix said it expects to add another 7.6 million world-

wide subscribers during the final three months of the year, down from 8.8 million during the same period last year in an acknowledgment of the fiercer competition.

"The launch of these new services will be noisy," Netf-

services will be noisy," Netflix advised in its third-quarter letter to shareholders. "There may be some modest headwind to our near-term growth, and we have tried to factor that into our guidance."

Jojo Rabbit director felt shame dressing as Hitler for movie

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Drawing on his own Jewish heritage and experiences growing up surrounded by prejudice, writer-director-actor Taika Waititi was excited to make a movie against hate through a satire of the Nazi culture at the height of WWII, until he saw himself dressed as Adolf Hitler for the first time. He said he felt "shame and embarrassment."

"Jojo Rabbit" tells the story of a boy in the Hitler Youth army who discovers that his mother is hiding a Jewish girl in their house and things get complicated as the boy's imaginary friend is Hitler himself. Waititi plays the imaginary Hitler in the movie, which stars Scarlett Johansson, Sam Rockwell, and Rebel Wilson, among others. Wearing a Hitler costume was jarring, but Waititi said he eventually "came to the conclusion that it's not Hitler.

"This character is conjured from the mind of a 10-yearold. So, he is a 10-year-old in a grown-up's body, and also one way of me like I think disempowering Hitler, was by taking over his body and putting those clothes on and taking his mustache and his haircut. And then it felt in a way like I had possessed him and then I could, I could control him and do whatever I wanted. I could be you know; I could be really nice, or I could be even more of an idiot. And you know I could be like this real kind of clumsy buffoon and that's what I enjoy. I enjoyed that the most really was like being able to ridicule him from within his clothes, I guess."

The root of the film began with the novel "Caging

Skies" by Christine Leunens. While the book is more dramatic, Waititi decided to use that as a base while adding comedic elements.

As troubling as it was for Waititi to see himself dressed as Hitler, it was also disturbing for his cast to be directed and ordered around by someone wearing a Hitler costume. "Game of Thrones" actor Alfie Allen walked on to set for the first time to find his director already in full costume.

"It was definitely an arresting image to be greeted by your director dressed as Hitler. And so yeah, he kind of was conscious of that. At times I think he would know that if he was getting us a little bit irate that he would have to kind of reel in because it was genuinely frightening for people," Allen said.

Waititi remembers Johansson, who plays the young Nazi boy's mother, rolling her eyes at his costume. But what concerned Waititi was the emotional reaction of his young star, Roman Griffin Davis

"He's so empathetic that he had done all this research of what the victims of World War II had gone through and stuff and I think he was so struck with that that when he saw me, he got really emotional and I got really worked up because he associated that—and rightly so-he associated that image with murder of millions and millions of people as he should associated it," Waititi said. "But it was just such a pure reaction from someone who's from a pure heart."

The movie is being released on Friday in theaters across the United States.

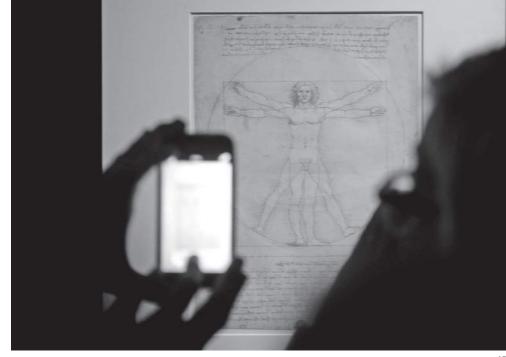
Da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man" drawing can go on loan to Louvre

ROME (AP)—An Italian court has ruled that Leonardo Da Vinci's iconic "Vitruvian Man" drawing can be loaned to France's Louvre Museum, solving an ongoing cultural dispute between Italy and France.

The Venice court last week had suspended the loan of the world-famous drawing, which is part of a batch of works by Leonardo and Raphael that the Italian government had agreed to send to Paris.

Wednesday's ruling cleared the way for the loan, rejecting a complaint filed by an Italian heritage group Our Italy, which contended that the drawing was too fragile to travel and risked being damaged.

The "Vitruvian Man" is currently kept in a climate-controlled vault in Venice's Accademia Gallery and is put on public display only occasionally.



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In this Tuesday April 14, 2015 file photo, Leonardo da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man" is displayed during an exhibition in Milan, Italy.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Houston, Notorious B.I.G. nominated for rock hall of fame

NEW YORK (AP) — The late musical icons Whitney Houston and the Notorious B.I.G. are among the 16 acts nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 2020 class. The prestigious organization announced Tuesday that Dave Matthews Band, Motorhead, Pat Benatar, Soundgarden, The Doobie Brothers, T.Rex and Thin Lizzy join Houston and B.I.G. as firsttime Rock Hall nominees. The 35th annual Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place on May 2, 2020, at the Public Auditorium in Cleveland, Ohio. Nine Inch Nails, Judas Priest, Rufus featuring Chaka Khan, Depeche Mode, Kraftwerk, MC5 and Todd Rundgren round out the 16 nominees for the 2020 class. The official inductees

will be announced in January. Each year, between five and seven acts usually make it into the Rock Hall following a vote by 1,000 people, including performers, music historians and industry experts. Fans are able to vote online. Acts are eligible for induction 25 years after the release of their first commercial recording.

Jury to decide on death sentence for 'Boy Next Door Killer'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Los Angeles jury has started deliberating whether a man prosecutors have dubbed "The Boy Next Door Killer" will get a sentence of death or life in prison for the killings of two women and the attempted murder of a third. Closing arguments ended Wednesday in the penalty phase of the trial of 43-year-old Michael Gargiulo. The

jury in August convicted Gargiulo of the killings including the 2001 murder of Ashley Ellerin on a night she was to go out with actor Ashton Kutcher, who testified at the trial. Surviving victim Michelle Murphy testified during the penalty phase that for years she lived in fear after the attack. Gargiulo's 16-year-old son also took the stand during the penalty phase and asked that jurors spare his father's life. Prosecutors assigned Gargiulo the "Boy Next Door Killer" moniker because he lived near all the victims.

Shonda Rhimes, iHeartMedia strike 3-year podcast deal

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Television powerhouse Shonda Rhimes is moving aggressively into the burgeoning podcast world. Rhimes'

company, Shondaland, said Wednesday that she will serve as executive producer for podcasts to be distributed by iHeartMedia. Shondaland says it signed a three-year podcast deal with iHeartMedia and is launching Shondaland Audio. In a statement, Rhimes said she welcomed the opportunity to expand Shondaland's storytelling into the growing medium, which she praised for a unique sense of boldness and intimacy. Shondaland has already ventured into podcasting with the weekly "Katie's Crib," in which actress Katie Lowe discusses motherhood with guests. New episodes will be distributed by iHeartMedia in 2020. Rhimes, who became an ABC network mainstay with hits including "Grey's Anatomy" and "Scandal," signed an exclusive deal with Netflix in 2017 to produce new programs for the streaming service.

Readers diagnose mother's loss of interest in husband

EAR ABBY: "Jumbled in Ohio" (Aug. 10) indicated that her lack of interest in her husband started about a year after the birth of her second child. You recommended counseling, which is needed, but you should also have recommended she talk to a medical doctor, especially one who specializes in hormone imbalance. I've been there! Luckily, with the help of both doctors (counseling and medical), I was able to regain my interest in sex and once again enjoy my husband's attention.

Don't pass up on a good partner. The grass is not greener on the other side. My husband and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2020. I thank God every day for the help I received.

GRATEFUL IN THE SOUTH

DEAR GRATEFUL: Thank you for your comments, which were echoed by other readers who recommended "Jumbled" see her OB-GYN and look into whether the birth control pills could also be a factor for the change in her feelings. (Readers wondered if she had been on the pill, went off it to have her two children and then went back on it.) Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Jumbled" should see her gynecologist. Her hormones may be out of whack. It happened to me. My doctor gave me a low-dose testosterone prescription, which made all

the difference in the world.

YVONNE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: As someone who has been married almost 50 years, I can honestly say I have fallen in -- and out of -- love with my husband many times. Each individual is responsible for his/her own happiness. You can't rely on someone else to make you happy. Together we have faced many adversities. It hasn't always been easy, but the effort has been worth it. We have raised two wonderful daughters, both of whom have families and careers.

PATRICIA IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: I liked that you highlighted the importance of considering the onset of "Jumbled's" feelings about her marriage—the all-important "Why now?" question. Perhaps the young mother, with her 3- and 5-year-old children, is chronically fatigued or even depressed because of the incessant demands of caring for them. Even mild depression can skew one's outlook on everything, including one's marriage.

DENISE IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR ABBY: I was 25 with an 18-month-old son. My husband was also a good man, husband and father, but I felt I no

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longer loved him as I should. I told him I wanted a divorce, and he asked me to go to a marriage counselor with him. She directed me to a psychiatrist who in turn sent me to my medical doctor with a request to check my thyroid function. Diagnosis: overactive thyroid. Treatment: partial thyroidectomy. Result: an amazing change in my thinking/feelings and another 43 years of a very good, loving marriage.

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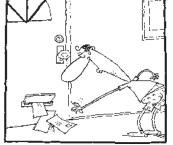
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October test for Yanks' vaunted bullpen



NEW YORK (AP)—A rainy day in the

Bronx has left a most daunting October test for the New York Yankees vaunted bullpen: four games, four days and already a deficit to overcome against the Houston Astros in their AL Championship Series.

Game 4 of the ALCS scheduled for Wednesday night was postponed a day because of poor weather, with Game 5 pushed to Friday night at Yankee Stadium and Games 6 and 7 in Houston on Saturday and Sunday, if necessary. The Astros beat New York 4-1 on Tuesday to take a 2-1 series lead.

The winner will face Washington and its well-rested, talented rotation starting in the AL city on Tuesday night.

With New York relying so heavily on its relievers this month, the starter-driven Astros may be at an advantage.

"If we're going to win this series, our bullpen will still play a huge role, obviously," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "But we've got to be able to get a little bit of distance out of our starters."

Houston will pitch Zack Greinke on Thursday against the Yankees' Masahiro Tanaka in a rematch of Game 1, both on regular rest. Tanaka pitched six sterling innings as New York won 7-0.

The Astros also announced that Justin Verlander will start Game 5 on full rest. He threw two-run ball into the seventh inning in a 3-2, 11-inning victory in Game 2 on Sunday.

"It was an easy decision," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. New York plans to counter Verlander with James Paxton.



The left-hander was pulled after allowing a run over 2 1/3 rocky innings in Game 2, and concerns were raised that he was tipping his pitches.

Both clubs had planned to use openers Wednesday, and New York will almost certainly still use a bullpen day in the series, probably in Game 6. Boone has ridden his relievers hard, asking them to cover 15 1/3 out of 28 innings in the series — a tough enough task with October's built-in days off. The rainout leaves Aroldis Chapman, Zack Britton and

the rest of that group without some valuable recovery time.

Tanaka has been New York's best bet for length this postseason. He needed just 68 pitches to cover six innings in the opener, improving to 5-2 with a 1.32 ERA in the postseason.

"Anytime the moment gets really big, he is good at slowing the game down himself and maybe taking even a little bit off of his pitches as opposed to powering through it," Hinch said. "We'd like to see us have a more disciplined

approach, but that's easier said than done with the stuff he has."

Greinke, a 2009 Cy Young Award winner acquired from Arizona at the July 31 trade deadline, has struggled through two starts this postseason. He allowed six runs and couldn't finish the fourth inning against Tampa Bay in Game 3 of the AL Division Series, and the Yankees hammered two homers and scored three runs against him in six innings in the ALCS opener.

The Astros may also lean

heavily on relievers in Game 6, if necessary, although their bullpen strategy will differ from New York's. While the Yankees probably wouldn't ask any one pitcher for more than two or three innings, Houston could stretch starter José Urquidy over four or five innings after an opener. That could keep the rest of the club's arms fresher during this four-day run.

"How beneficial it is is probably easier to answer after I see how guys perform and how the pitching plays out," New York Yankees starting pitcher Luis Severino delivers against the Houston Astros during the first inning of Game 3 of the American League Championship Series, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, in New York.

Hinch said of the rainout. "But like I said, it's kind of a wait and see."

The previous postseason game to be postponed was Game 4 of the 2017 NL Division Series between the Nationals and Cubs.

Boone remained uncertain Wednesday if slugger Giancarlo Stanton would return to the lineup in Game 4. Stanton was held out of Games 2 and 3 after straining his right quad in the opener.

Stanton was set to receive treatment. Boone said he was available to pinch hit Tuesday.

"I'm not really close to making that decision yet," Boone said. "That will be something that we kind of work through today and possibly even into tomorrow."

Boone said it was likely that Aaron Hicks will be in the lineup regardless. The center fielder made his first start Tuesday since Aug. 3 due to an elbow injury and went 0 for 2 with two walks.

Boone also doubled down on his vote of confidence for struggling catcher Gary Sánchez, who is 2 for 21 this postseason. Sánchez was booed and criticized Tuesday when he couldn't block a wild fastball from Britton, allowing a run to score.

"He's been excellent behind the plate from a game-calling standpoint, from a game-plan target, receiving," Boone said.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Joe Maddon is back under the halo.

Maddon agreed to a threeyear deal to become the Los Angeles Angels' manager on Wednesday, reuniting the World Series-winning former bench boss of the Chicago Cubs with the organization where he spent the first three decades of his baseball career.

"We are thrilled that Joe is coming back home and bringing an exciting brand of baseball to our fans," general manager Billy Eppler said. "Every stop he has made throughout his managerial career, he has built a culture that is focused on winning while also allowing his players to thrive. We believe Joe will be a great asset for our club and look forward to him leading the team to another World Series championship."

The Angels will formally introduce the 65-year-old

Maddon returns to Los Angeles Angels

Maddon at a news conference next week, but he already knows his way around Angel Stadium.

Maddon signed with the Angels as an undrafted catcher in 1975, and he spent the next 31 seasons working at almost every level of the organization as a player, coach and manager. He served as a big league assistant coach under five managers, and he had two stints as the Angels' interim manager.

He was the Angels' bench coach alongside manager Mike Scioscia during their championship season in 2002.

"I could not be more excited to come back home and manage this great organization," Maddon said. "I'd like to thank (owner) Arte Moreno, Billy Eppler and (president) John Carpino for giving me the opportunity to add another chapter to my Angels career. I was lucky enough to be a part of the first Angels team to win a World Series title, and I look forward to the opportunity to bring Angel fans their second championship."

Maddon left to manage Tampa Bay in 2006 for nine mostly successful seasons, followed by a big-money move to Chicago to make history.

The three-time Manager of the Year left the Cubs by mutual consent last month after they missed the playoffs for the first time in his five-year tenure. He'll still likely never have to buy a drink in Chicago again because of 2016, when he led the Cubs to their first World Series title in 108 years.

Maddon replaces Brad Ausmus, who was fired after one season when the Angels finished 72-90, their worst record since 1999. Ausmus was abruptly dismissed shortly after Maddon became available, and most observers assumed Moreno had his eye on a reunion with Maddon, the Angels' bench coach when Moreno bought the club in 2003.

The Angels also interviewed veteran managers John Farrell and Buck Showalter and Padres hitting coach Johnny Washington for the job, but Maddon was the choice. Maddon was expected to be a valued candidate for other managerial openings around the majors, but he was clearly eager for a reunion.

Maddon kept a home in Long Beach during his 14 seasons away from Anaheim, and he has fond feelings for the organization that gave him his start

That organization is experiencing hard times: The Angels have endured four straight losing seasons for the first time since the 1970s, and they still haven't won a playoff game with Mike Trout and Albert Pujols on their roster, making just one three-game postseason appearance after winning the AL West in 2014.

The Angels also were rocked this month by revelations about the role of a team employee in procuring opioids for pitcher Tyler Skaggs, who was found dead in his hotel room July 1.

Maddon's personal charisma and mild eccentricities have made him a popular figure in baseball, but his consistent success made him the highest-profile candidate on the managerial market. The Angels managed to bring him home in a much-needed boost for a beleaguered franchise.

The Angels' problems didn't deter Maddon from taking over a roster with Trout as its centerpiece. The probable three-time AL MVP is signed to a 12-year, \$426.5 million contract that should keep him in Anaheim for the bulk of his career.

The Angels' starting pitching was easily their biggest weakness in 2019, but the rotation will benefit next season from the return of Shohei Ohtani, the twoway star who spent this year solely as a designated hitter while recovering from Tommy John surgery. Eppler also will attempt to be active in the free agent market to supplement a roster finally starting to bear fruit from Eppler's years of rehabilitating a barren farm system.

Clumsy words tarnish LeBron brand

LOS ANGELES— LeBron James had time, and plenty of it, to figure out how best to answer the questions he knew were coming. Long

days in hotel rooms in China and a long flight home gave him every chance to carefully craft a response to a controversy he had no part in making but one that directly affects his bank account.

Instead James chose to wing it. He blamed the messenger instead of addressing the message.

And the LeBron brand may never be the same.

He's still one of the greatest basketball players ever, that hasn't changed. But in the space of just a few sentences Monday night James may have abdicated his spot as someone who should be listened carefully to when it comes to social issues.

No one was asking James to come out in support of protesters in Hong Kong. That was always a bridge too far for a player who makes millions in the lucrative Chinese market.

But a player who has always prided himself on speaking out on issues ranging from Trayvon Martin to Colin Kaepernick should have made sure in this instance that he was speaking out the strongest in support of free speech.

James didn't, at least when it comes to Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey and the firestorm Morey set off with his tweet in support of Hong Kong protesters. In his first comments since returning from China, James cast Morey as being "either misinformed or not really educated on the situation" in Hong Kong and not understanding how many people in the NBA could be affected by his tweet.

While James mentioned free speech, in his bungled attempt to chastise Morey what people heard was human rights are great. But don't let them get in the way of the NBA's China cash cow.

The words were clumsy, almost as if James himself was misinformed or not really educated on the situation. Seemingly realizing that, James followed them with a pair of tweets that did little other than rile up people even further on social media.

He also riled up some protesters in Hong Kong, where on Tuesday some were seen stomping on-and in one case—burning his jersey.

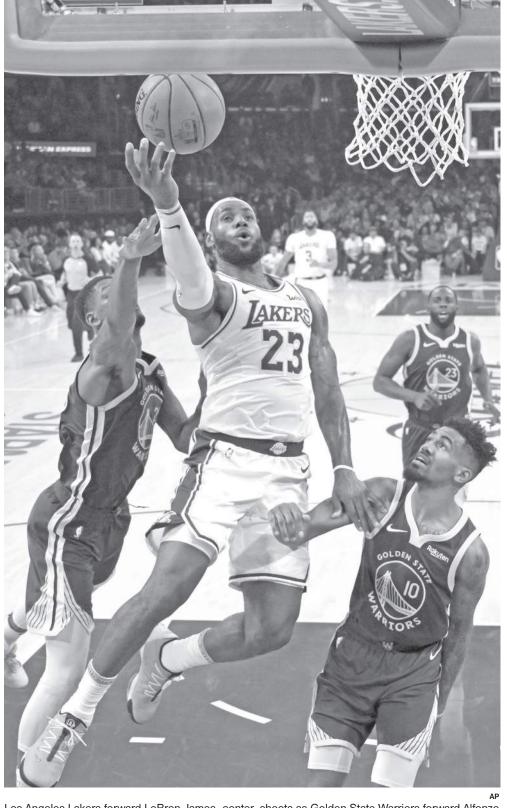
It was reported that James lost \$1M endorsement and Lakers players faced cancelled appearances in in China.

Not exactly the way James wanted to start the NBA season. Up until a few days ago, the biggest thing James had to worry about was meshing with new teammate Anthony Davis and finding a way for his Los Angeles Lakers to beat the Golden State Warriors.

Now he's under fire from both sides in a dispute he had no part in making, but one where he will pay a priceand not just in endorsement opportunities in China.

No one expects James to be an expert on the dispute in Hong Kong, where protesters are chafing under increased Chinese control. But they should expect him to do what NBA Commissioner Adam Silver did last week in China-acknowledge that everyone doesn't look at things the same but that everyone has the right to express their opinion and just leave it at that.

Those opinions were hard to find across the NBA on Tuesday, a week before the open-



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James, center, shoots as Golden State Warriors forward Alfonzo McKinnie, left, and guard Jacob Evans defend during the second half of a preseason NBA basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, in Los Angeles. The Lakers won, 126-93.

ing of the 2019 season. That was especially true in Houston where Morey has yet to resurface and players like James Harden and Tyson Chandler joined coach Mike D'Antoni in either declining comment or saying basically nothing.

Even Steve Kerr, the Warriors coach who has an opinion on most issues of the day and seems to relish sparring with President Donald Trump, is keeping relatively quiet. Kerr demurred last week when asked whether he thought Morey was wrong in sending out the tweet, saying instead that basketball "should be a force for the greater good."

That earned Kerr a tweet from Trump, who said it was "So funny to watch Steve Kerr grovel and pander when asked a simple question about China."

Indeed, James is not the only one caught in a heated dispute where middle ground will be hard—if not impossible—to find. He's not the only one who stands to lose money-and a lot of it-should the damage to a relationship carefully cultivated over three decades be undone by a Friday night tweet.

He's got a right to market himself in China without getting involved in the country's internal politics, and that's fine. Few begrudge James his millions, and few — at least on this side of the world—are particularly interested in what he thinks about the relationship Hong Kong has with China.

Words matter, though, and so does the right to voice them. Free speech may be an empty concept in China, but it's the very bedrock of democracy in the United States.

Like a lot of us, James is lucky to live in a country where that right is a given.

Hopefully he'll be thinking more about that the next time he speaks up.

LOS ANGELES—Two years after the seismic shock of failing to qualify for the 2018 World Cup, the United States men's soccer team is struggling to shake off the hangover.

The reign of US manager Gregg Berhalter plunged to a fresh nadir on Tuesday as the Americans were outplayed and beaten 2-0 by Canada in their CONCACAF Nations League qualifier.

It was the first time Canada had defeated the vastly betterresourced United States since 1985, and their first victory over their neighbours in a competitive fixture since 1980.

The loss piled pressure on Berhalter just 10 months into his tenure, the latest in a series of unconvincing performances since the former US international's first game in charge in January.

Although Berhalter ap-

Pressure mounts on USMNT coach after loss to Canada

pears at first glance to have a USA through the "Group of respectable record from his 16 games—nine wins, two draws and five defeats -- the bulk of those victories have come against teams ranked well below the Americans.

In matches that matter, Berhalter's men have been found wanting.

A 1-0 defeat against Mexico in the Gold Cup final in July was followed by a 3-0 hammering by 'El Tri' in a friendly last month.

Although the US comfortably swatted aside Cuba 7-0 last week, they were wellbeaten by a sharper Canadian team in Toronto on Tuesday.

It is all a far cry from the heady days under former head coach Jurgen Klinsmann, who successfully navigated the Death" at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, qualifying for the knockout rounds ahead of a Cristiano Ronaldo-led Portugal and African heavyweights Ghana.

While several stalwarts of the Klinsmann era **CONCACAF** going to be easy to come have retired, Berhalter has faced scrutiny over his tactical rigidity.

The 46-year-old favours a highplay-from-the-back pressing, style, despite mounting evidence that the players at his disposal are ill-suited to that approach.

Berhalter, though, insists that there is no reason to panic, despite a loss on Tuesday that suggests the US team has regressed sharply in the two years since the calamitous 2-1 defeat to Trinidad & Tobago

in 2017 that eliminated the US trending on Twitter. from the World Cup.

"I wouldn't make a statement about the program based on this game," Berhalter said on Tuesday. "The reason why is that these games are difficult. It was never here and win the game."

"There was no way. When you look at their team, their quality, when you look at where they are right now, it wasn't going to be an easy game. We have to accept that. I think all of us have to accept that," he added.

The sort of patience from fans and pundits that Berhalter is seeking however is in short supply. The dust had barely settled on the Canada defeat before "BerhalterOut"

For many observers, Berhalter's substitution of Christian Pulisic was emblematic of a national team that has lost its way.

Pulisic, who has struggled to rediscover his best form this season after joining Chelsea from Borussia Dortmund, was yanked on Tuesday after an hour.

The 21-year-old forward, hailed as the biggest talent in US soccer, was later seen looking distraught on the bench, plainly frustrated at Berhalter's decision to withdraw him.

Other critics however wonder if the men's team's problems run deeper than the coach, pointing to the unconventional process that led to Berhalter's appointment.

When the US failed to qualify for the World Cup in October 2017, then coach Bruce Arena resigned just days afterwards.

However a permanent replacement was not appointed until nearly 14 months later.

Berhalter was reportedly only one of two men interviewed for the job alongside Oscar Pareja by US men's team general manager Earnie Stewart.

Several potential candidates-notably former Argentina coach Gerardo 'Tata' Martino, former US coach Bob Bradley, or Red Bull Salzburg's Jesse Marsch, went ignored.

And even if Stewart soon decides that the time has come to seek a change of manager, any decision to axe Berhalter could end up needing to be approved by none other than the coach's brother, Jay Berhalter, who is in the running to succeed Dan Flynn as the new chief executive of US Soccer.

Lee eyes more NMI athletes in World Champs

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After representing the CNMI in the Obstacle Course Races World Championships in London last week, James Lee hopes to see more Commonwealth athletes compete in the annual event.

Lee along with Rodney Camacho made the CNMI the 68th nation that joined the OCR World Championships, as they completed the first day of the race.

"The CNMI is now officially the 68th nation to participate and I couldn't be more proud of that. Next year, our CNMI jersey will be designed and sold globally by OCR World Championships, just the same as they did for Team Guam this year when they first participated last year. If we're lucky, we'll be able to see our flag at the next world championships at the starting or finishing line. Hopefully then, I'll be able to round up more athletes to participate," Lee said.

"Though I wasn't able to compete on Day 2 due to injury from Day 1 of the event, I feel that we had accomplished quite a bit. We not only represented our island when competing but also gained recognition half way across the world along with 67 other countries that were there. It was a bit surreal when we got applauded and cheered by both the athletes and audience when the announcer introduced CNMI to the crowd," said Lee.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rodney Camacho, left, and James Lee proudly show the CNMI flag as they pose for a photo before competing in the Obstacle Course Races World Championships 2019 in London last weekend.

Lee explains that as an athlete, to finish even Day 1 of the race and complete each obstacle was an accomplishment and experience in itself.

"It was definitely more than I have ever expected.

Lin, Yu, and Feng scored in

in the 42nd, 58th, and 92nd,

Matansa's goals were cour-

tesy of Amzad Khan, who

hit his target in the 55th and

Star drew one goal apiece

from Wu and Yu, who found

the back of the net in the 19th

and 22nd minute, respective-

ly. Dhiraj Chhetri made the

only goal for Shirley's, as he

scored in the 29th minute.

Versus Shirley's, Island

respectively.

74th minute.

Being able to compete with thousands of people all over the world and not to mention against some of the world's elite athletes was such a humbling experience. Being able to race at this level was a huge

plus," Lee said.

Although the journey was tough, Lee said the OCRWC debut gave him insights on what to do for next year's competition. Most importantly, participating this year

Shirley's 4, Women's NT 2

After losing to the Island Star, Shirley's returned to the pitch last Sunday and defeated the CNMI Women's National Team.

Lalaine Pagarao drilled Shirley's first two goals, as she lit the board in the ninth and 18th minute, while Hoin Ryu added one in the 25th, giving their team a 3-2 advantage at the break.

The Women's NT remained

in contention in the first half after getting one goal each from siblings Jerlyn (16th minute) and Jeraldine Castillo (30th), but could not mount a comeback in the second half after failing to score in the final 45 minutes of play.

Shirley's, on the other hand, got an insurance from Brandon Tenorio in the 76th minute for the team's second victory this season. Shirley's won its season debut after prevailing against Kanoa, 7-3.

cut the deficit to 6, 55-61.

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last Sunday.

of wins last week.

It first downed Shirley's

Football Club last Oct. 10

and then outclassed Matansa

Bagsic delivered two goals

for Island Star, while Feng

Yu, Han Wu, and Zhi Peng

Lin chipped in one apiece.

Bagsic had his goals in the

34th and 54th minute, while

Against Matansa, Saixian

former also hitting one of the three field goals Tsingtao recorded in the extension. Ed Pangalinan drilled the other field goal for the first finalist.

The Pardz-Tsingtao semis game went into overtime after Rocyl Ritual knocked in the equalizer for the former and the latter did not have enough time (four seconds left in the regulation) to pull up for the last shot.

Despite sending the match into extra period, Pardz ended

up absorbing a sorry loss and kissing its finals bid goodbye, as it wasted a double-digit lead in the first half.

Pardz turned a 21-16 advantage to a 10-point lead at the break, 45-35, as Ritual and Lucky Jose teamed up for 21 of the squad's 25 markers in the second period.

Then in the third quarter, Pardz lost the twin-digit margin, no thanks to Pangelinan, who buried three triples in the penultimate frame. Mark Demonteverde also stepped up for Tsingtao in the third canto, chipping in 7 points, as they

It was a close match after that and the semis tiff was back to square one at the end of regulation before Tsingtao completed the comeback in overtime to march into the finals.

The one-game finale will be played this Saturday with Tsingtao to face either Connie's BBQ or Mawati in the winnertake-all championship game. Connie's and Mawati dueled in the second semis game last Wednesday, but the match was rained-out with the former ahead going into the closing minutes of the first quarter,

15-10. The continuation of the game was scheduled last night and results were unavailable at press time.

Tsingtao Bovz 102—Pangelinan 23, Jandoc 19, Demonteverde 16, Pineda 15, Tenepere 11, Ariar 9, Alano 4, Del Rio 3, Agbangcog 2.

Pardz Ballers 98—Ritual 26, Jose 21, Torres 12, Galulu 10, Santos 8, Hipolito 7, Romo 5, Barrios 5, Umali 2, Bernardo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-21, 35-45, 55-61, 83-83, 102-98 (OT).

portunity to pass OCR on the knowledge to people who would like to participate in the sport.

"Prior to competing at the world championships, the only thing that helped me become familiar with some of the obstacles were through videos on YouTube, with

training at the Trench

> lenge event and Asia Pacific OCR Championship. So, training-wise was based on that and assumptions on what I needed to work on. But the world championships was definitely at a whole different level," he said.

TanHoldings 1 crushes Hawaiian Rock

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TanHoldings 1 routed Hawaiian Rock, 102-68,

lone

game in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

the

TanHoldings 1 set up the easy victory after delivering the early blows to Hawaiian Rock, as it went on a 27-9 scoring surge in the first quarter. Arjay Nonato showed the way for TanHoldings 1 in the opening period with his 11 markers, while Fradel Sedillo and Mark Obnerga helped him out after combining for 8 points.

After being held to singledigit scoring in the first frame, Hawaiian Rock came to life in the second quarter, making 25 points. However, Sedillo and Nonato were still there to steady the ship for TanHoldings 1 in the second period, as they teamed up for 17 points and kept their squad on top at the break, 52-34.

TanHoldings 1 remained on target at the resumption of the match and pinned down Hawaiian Rock in the final canto after exploding for 34 points—it's biggest output in a quarter

Sedillo top-scored for TanHoldings 1 with his 28 points, while Nonato contributed 27.

TanHoldings 1 102—Sedillo 28, Nonato 27, Villamena 12, Macoto 12, Obnerga 12, Esdrelon 11.

Hawaiian Rock 68-Camacho 15, David 13, Pulga 13, Ayeras 12, Reyes 8, M. Reyes 5, Cruz 2.

Scoring by quarters: 27-9, 52-34, 76-47, 102-68.

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seats to the Final Four.

MS Villagomez boosted its chances of joining the Top 2 squads to the semis after pulling off a come-from-behind victory over Caravan's, which lead by as much as 11 in the second quarter, 35-24, and was still ahead at the end of the third, 58-56, before losing in the fourth.

Matthew Richardson anchored MS Villagomez's comeback in the second half after scoring all his 15 minutes in the final 20 minutes of play. He had 9 markers in the fourth quarter to steal the win for MS Villagomez. Chioni Dela Cruz, Anthony Lajara, Mel Manibusan, and John Babauta scored one basket apiece in the final period, while only Ken Viray and Angelo Factor made field goals for Caravan's.

Meanwhile, former CNMI National Team member Freddie Pelisamen stood out in their game against Mystique BBQ, as he delivered 36 points in Bridge Capital's 10-point win.

Pelisamen showed consistency on offense, as he made at least three field goals in each of the four quarters. The

Bridge Capital gunner capped his long-game brilliance with a 12-point production in the fourth canto, which started with his team clinging to a 65-63 lead.

Pelisamen's strong finish and contributions from Matt Duenas, Leroy Rangamar, and Eric Deleon Guerrro allowed Bridge Capital to gain more cushion in the final canto en route to its fourth victory.

Saturday Game

MS Villagomez 72—Richardson 15, Lajara 11, Dela Cruz 10, Manibusan 9, King 8, Babauta 8, Deleon Guerrero 6, Aughenbaugh 3, Teregeyo 2, Pangelinan 1.

Caravan's 71—Viray 22, Villarin 13, Andrew 12, Factor 11, Standish 7, Quan 4, Rotap 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-17, 26-35, 56-58, 72-71.

Tuesday Game

Bridge Capital 94—Pelisamen 37, Teregevo 15, Deleon Guerrero 15, Cabaltica 8, Rangamar 8, Matt Duenas 5, Rogolifoi 2, Camacho 2, Norita 2.

Mystique BBQ 84—Torres 14, Jose 14, Bernardo 13, Dancel 12, Broncano 9, Moises 7, Casbin 7, Castillo 4, Isip 4.

Scoring by quarters: 24-25, 46-40, 65-63, 94-84

Triple J Motors boosts support to CNMI soccer

Triple J Motors Saipan marked its sixth year of partnership with Northern Mariana Islands Football Association with a very generous sponsorship package that would help NMIFA reach out to the community to further promote the sport.

Triple J Motors Saipan turned over a brand new 2019 Hyundai Kona to NMIFA president Jerry Tan and technical director Michiteru Mita last Saturday in the presence of Triple J executives and other NMIFA officials at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. On top of the Hyundai Kona, Triple J Saipan will also be giving NMIFA a brand new 2019 Hyundai Palisade later this year and both cars will be used by the association's staff, as they go round the island and introduce the program to the community.

"Triple J Motors Saipan has faithfully supported us through the years. It started with Randy Steele (former Triple J Saipan Motors general manager) and even though he has left the island, Triple J Saipan kept its commitment to NMIFA and we are very thankful for that," NMIFA vice president Vickie Izuka said.

"This year, we are very fortunate that Triple J Saipan has decided to increase the sponsorship package by giving us two brand new cars.

generosity speaks Mariana Islands its goals Football Association soccer. Triple J Saipan's volumes of its unwavering support t o programs that benefit our community, especially the youth," added Izuka, who co-chairs the NMIFA Youth Committee that oversees the

two-season NMIFA Youth

League, which Triple J Saipan

Northern Marianas Badminton Association members Nicole Malasarte and Janelle and Jordan Pangilinan had an impressive performance in the Badminton Invitational Guam 2019 held over the weekend at the John F. Kennedy High School Gymnasium.

Malasarte and Janelle topped the open women's doubles division after defeating the Philippines' Jocelyn Rentillo and Lyzel Ouerol in the best-of-three finals, 2-1. Janelle also played in the championship game in the open mixed doubles category, teaming up with her brother, Jordan, and the siblings settled for the silver medal after losing to Guam's Jinsha Yao and C.J. Estipona.

"I wasn't able to play in the Guam tournament two years ago, so it was great that I fi-



Triple J Motors Saipan general manager Sean Ficke, 10th left, hands over the ceremonial key of the brand new 2019 Hyundai Kona to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, 11th left, last Saturday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. Joining Ficke and Tan in the turnover ceremony were officials and staff from both the Triple J Enterprises, Inc. and NMIFA.



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Players participating in the NMIFA Youth Fall League gather for a photo and give their shout-out to Triple J Motors Saipan for its continued support to the program.

is also supporting.

Triple J Motors senior vice president Jay Jones, meanwhile, said that their company remains committed to NMI-

FA, as the association con-Northern tinues to accomplish Mariana Islands its goals for CNMI

> "Triple J shares in the long-term vision Jerry Tan and NMIFA have for the sport of soccer in the CNMI. We are proud to enhance our partnership with this donation, and, we look forward for it to grow as the league/program does," Jones said.



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The brand new 2019 Hyundai Kona that Triple J Motors Saipan handed over to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association last Saturday is on display at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville, while a Shirley's Football Club player works with the ball to

Triple J Saipan vice president of Finance and Administration Mike Sablan echoed Jones' sentiments and acknowledge NMIFA leaders and everyone involved in growing the sport in the Commonwealth.

This program has been very successful for the past several years, as seen in the growth of its membership. We commend the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association under the leadership of Jerry Tan for their dedication and hard work in developing the sport in the CNMI. In fact,

we are inspired to learn that the program has thousands of players and majority of them are youth. It's truly inspiring. Triple J is committed to supporting community events and activities, and we hope through sponsorships as such, we will help encourage more sport enthusiasts to get involved and stay in the game," Sablan said.

With Triple J Saipan providing NMIFA staff transportation, they will continue to visit various schools in the CNMI and implement the Physical Education support program. NMIFA staff and coaches teach students in the grade school level the basics of soccer, conduct drills that engage children in physical activities, and instill in them the value of teamwork and sportsmanship. They also facilitate various competitions and soccerrelated activities that NMIFA holds at the NMISTC and some select venues.

"Schools are one of the key contributors to the success of our soccer program. We're able to bring in youth to our grassroots program by visiting schools. "If players/students can't come to us, we will come to them. To do that we need resources, such as transportation, so Triple J Saipan's support definitely plays a big part in NMIFA's goal to reach out to more children and encourage them to play soccer and get involved in physical activities," Tan said.

"We are deeply grateful to Triple J led by its chair and CEO Bob Jones. Growing the soccer program in the CNMI comes with challenges and we're able to get through them with the help of supportive and committed groups like the Triple J family," the NMIFA head added. (PR)

NMBA players bring home medals

nally came there to compete and win with Nicole," said Pangilinan, adding that the event in Guam was very timely, as it was just a few months after she and the six other members of the CNMI National Team played in the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa.

"Coming from the Pacific Games in Samoa made me even more competitive. I learned a lot from the Pacific Games and that helped me play well in the tournament in Guam," she added.

Meanwhile, NMBA president Merlie Tolentino congratulated Malasarte and the Pangilinan siblings for bringing home medals and other members of the team for rep-



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The CNMI's Janelle Pangilinan, center, and Nicole Malasarte, right, join Guam National Football Federation official Sunardi Li for a group photo after receiving the gold medal in the open women's doubles division of the Badminton Invitational Guam 2019 held over the weekend at the John F. Kennedy High School Gymnasium.

resenting the association well. She also thanked the Guam National Badminton Federation for inviting NMBA anew to compete in the Badminton Invitational Guam 2019.

"Competing in off-island tournaments give our players the opportunity to gauge their development and find out what area of their game needs improvement so they could keep up, if not surpass, their counterparts in Guam and other players in the region. We welcome this kind of tournament, especially after we were not able to hold local competitions late last year and in the first half of 2019, as we focused on the recovery efforts from Yutu," Tolentino said.

She also praised GNBF for

involving NMBA players in the Guam Special Olympics 2019, the program that had players working with persons with disabilities.

"Our players managed to share their knowledge and skills in the sport to persons with disabilities, making their trip to Guam more meaningful," added Tolentino, recalling a similar outreach program that NMBA took part in a few years ago.

NMBA used to join a summer camp involving children, including those with disabilities, with its players and coaches conducting badminton drills and games for participants.

"We will try to explore talks with concerned groups to hold similar programs for children and the youth, as we continue to find ways to grow the sport in the CNMI," Tolentino said. (PR)



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Tsingtao reaches finale

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singtao Boyz outlasted Pardz Ballers in overtime, 102-98, to take the first finals seat in the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League last Wednesday at the Civic Center Court.



Tsingtao pulled off the victory in extra time despite lagging

hind for majority of the semis match, thanks to its impressive free throw shooting. The No. 1 seed team capitalized on the multiple fouls Pardz committed after making 13 charities in the extra five minutes.

Jess Pineda delivered 9 points in overtime for Tsing-

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA Tsingtao Boyz's Ramsa Tenepere, left, reaches in to tap the ball away from to during their semis game in the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League last Wednesday at the Civic Center Court.

tao, including 7 from the 15foot line, and his last field goal sealed the deal for the team. Peter Ariar, Juboy Agbanlog,

and Ramsa Tenepere added two charities apiece with the

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Paire noses out Old Bank

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Paire Football Club made it

two in a row after edging the Old B Bank, 1-0, in the Division A game in the 2019 Spring Men's M*LEAGUE



M-League last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Bruce Berline scored

the lone goal in the match in the 75th minute to give Paire a 2-0-1 record. The Hawaiian Rock-backed Paire dropped its season debut (losing to All Blue, 2-4) last Oct. 3 and quickly bounced back with a 9-2 demolition of Korean Football Association on Saipan last Oct. 6. The Old B Bank, on the other hand, absorbed its second defeat in as many games, as it was also nipped by TanHoldings, 3-2, during the league's opening week.

The Paire-Old B Bank tiff was the only Division A match played in Week 2 of the competition.

DIVISION B Island Star 2, Shirley's 1 Island Star 5, Matansa 2

Island Star is undefeated in three games following a pair

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Interesting semis race in MIBL

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Bridge Capital, LLC and MS Villagomez prevailed in their respective matches at

the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, making the battle for the last two semis berths in the 2019

Atkins Kroll Marianas In-



ternational Basketball League exciting.

MS Villagomez nipped Caravan's in last Saturday's game,

72-71, while Bridge Capital topped Mystique BBQ last Tuesday, 94-84. MS Villagomez now has a 4-2 record for third place in the team standings, while Bridge Capital and Caravans are tied for fourth to fifth place with their similar 4-3 slates.

Only the Top 4 teams after the round-robin elimination will advance to the semis and the unbeaten Saipan Vegas (6-0) and IT&E (6-1) have already secured the first two

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Bridge Capital, LLC's Matt Duenas pulls up for a jumper against three TanHoldings defenders during an earlier game in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Bridge Capital played against Mystique BBQ last Tuesday and won, 94-84.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Paire Football Club's Samuel Smith, right, stops the ball and is closely defended by the Old B Bank's Mickey Kim during the Division A game in the 2019 Spring Men's M-League last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.